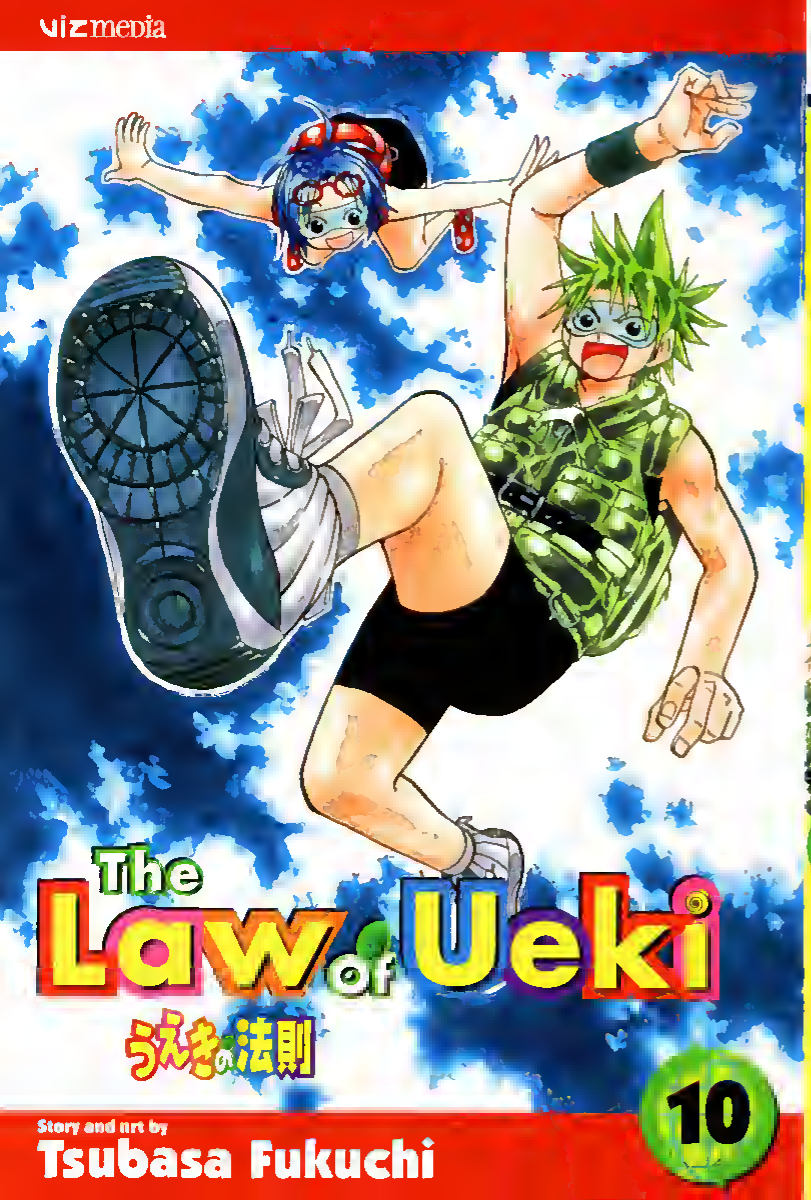



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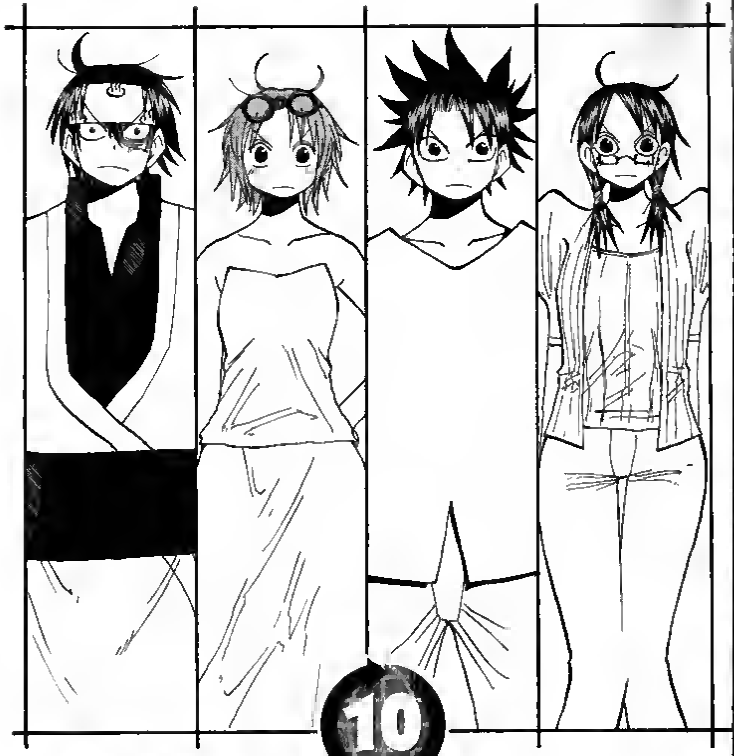
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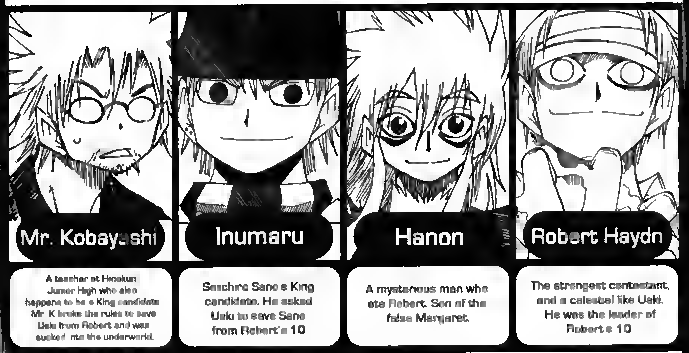

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All night!!! It's cured!!! The ingrown toenail that's been torturing me for three years!!! Goodbye to the old days of excruciating pain as I put on my sock!!! This feeling...is probably not something most people understand.




## The Story of The Law of Ueki

### The Story Thus Far — The Law of Ueki

IN A WORLD OF POWERFUL CELESTIAL BEINGS, AN EPIC CONTEST IS BEING HELD TO CHOOSE THE NEXT KING! EACH CELESTIAL SELECTS A KID IN JUNIOR HIGH TO BE HIS CHAMPION AND GRANTS HIM A SPECIAL POWER. THE KIDS BATTLE IT OUT, AND THE LOSERS ARE ELIMINATED. THE GRAND PRIZE FOR THE ULTIMATE WINNER OF THE TOURNAMENT IS THE TALENT OF BLANK, WHERE THE WINNER CAN FILL IN THE BLANK WITH ANY TALENT OF HIS CHOOSING.

KOSUKE UEKI, A FIRST YEAR STUDENT AT HINOKUNI JUNIOR HIGH, ENTERS THE TOURNAMENT AND IS GIVEN A POWER BY HIS KING CANDIDATE, MR. K. BUT MR. K IS SENT TO THE UNDERWORLD FOR SAVING UEKI IN A FIGHT AGAINST ROBERT. UEKI DECIDES TO WIN THE TOURNAMENT AND FULFILL MR. K'S DREAM OF PREVENTING THE TALENT OF BLANK FROM FALLING INTO EVIL HANDS.

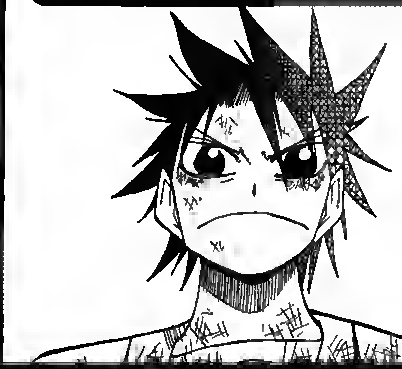
SEIICHIRO SANO'S KING CANDIDATE, INUMARU, ASKS UEKI TO SAVE SANO, WHO HAS JOINED ROBERT'S 10. ALONG WITH RINKO, INUMARU AND AI MORI, UEKI MARCHES INTO THE DOGRA MANSION. THERE, THEY ARE FORCED TO BATTLE THE MEMBERS OF ROBERT'S 10, INCLUDING SANO. AFTER LEARNING THAT HE'S A CELESTIAL BEING, UEKI TAKES DOWN ONE FIGHTER AFTER ANOTHER WITH HIS SACRED WEAPONS. HE THEN CHALLENGES ROBERT TO A BATTLE TO STOP HIM FROM ERASING THE WORLD.

ROBERT OVERPOWERS UEKI WITH LEVEL 2 SACRED WEAPONS. WHEN ROBERT MOVES IN TO FINISH HIM, SANO AND RINKO STAND IN THE WAY. DESPITE HIMSELF, ROBERT IS MOVED BY THEIR WILLINGNESS TO SACRIFICE THEMSELVES FOR THEIR FRIENDS.

AFTER THE BATTLE, KOBAYASHI SHOWS UP AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE KING, ANNOUNCING THE END OF THE FIRST ROUND. MORI, WHO WAS GIVEN A POWER BY INUMARU, DECIDES TO JOIN THE BATTLE. UEKI AND HIS FRIENDS PLEDGE TO MAKE KOBAYASHI OR INUMARU THE NEXT KING IN ORDER TO SAVE THEM FROM THE UNDERWORLD. A FEW DAYS LATER, A MYSTERIOUS MAN NAMED HANON, WHO HAS TAKEN OVER ROBERT'S BODY AND SOUL, APPEARS BEFORE UEKI!

## The Characters in The Law of Ueki

### Character Profiles — The Law of Ueki



**Kosuke Ueki**

A first-year student at Hinokuni Junior High. He's been given the power to transform trash into trees. He's decided to win the tournament for the sake of Mr. K, who sacrificed himself to save Ueki.



**Rinko Jerrard**

A former member of Robert's 10. She has the power to change beads into bombs.



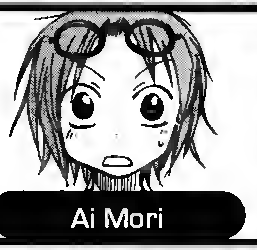
**Seiichiro Sano**

A former member of Robert's 10. He's a gifted fighter with the power to change towels into iron.



**Celestial beast (Tenko)**

Celestial beasts act as meters to measure celestial power levels. Tenko was falsely accused and imprisoned in the underworld, but Mr. K helped him escape to the human world.



**Ai Mori**

Ueki's classmate. She learned about the tournament and decided to help Ueki. She's been given a power by Inumaru, but she doesn't know what it is!

# Chapter 87
# Enter Hideyoshi



# The Law of Ueki 10

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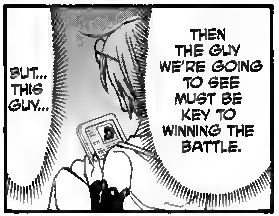

YESTER-DAY ...
HOSPITAL
WH... WHAT ?
GYAA
NO MATTER HOW I LOOK AT HIM... HE'S A GORILLA!
... HOW ...
HIS BODY WAS TAKEN OVER BY SOME DUDE?
NO WAY! NOT ROBERT !!
OH, YOU FINALLY NOTICED
WHO ARE YOU?
When did he...?
COULD IT BE THEM?
EVEN I'VE NEVER HEARD OF A CELESTIAL LIKE THAT!
HMM...


Yo OOOsH





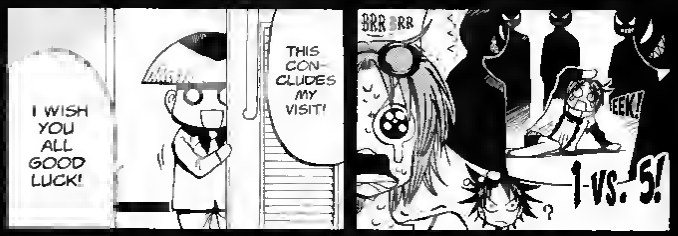

HE LOOKS SO INTENSE ...


BUT... THIS GUY...
THEN THE GUY WE'RE GOING TO SEE MUST BE KEY TO WINNING THE BATTLE.


THE 25 WHO MADE IT TO THE SECOND ROUND MUST ALL BE ALL AS STRONG AS ROBERT'S 10'!
TODAY'S "FRIEND SEARCH" MUST BE CRUCIAL TO THE BATTLE TO COME!


THE RECRUITMENT PERIOD STARTS TODAY
UP TO NOW, YOU'VE ALL BEEN ENEMIES, SO MAKING FRIENDS MAY NOT BE EASY. THEREFORE...
...BATTLES DURING THIS PERIOD ARE ALLOWED!
You can make someone join you by force.


A TEAM MATCH?
THEN IF THE THREE OF THEM ARE DEFEATED...
LOSING WILL NOT RESULT IN LOSS OF POWERS OR DELETION OF YOUR ENTRY. DON'T WORRY
BECAUSE THESE ARE ONLY RECRUITMENT BATTLES.

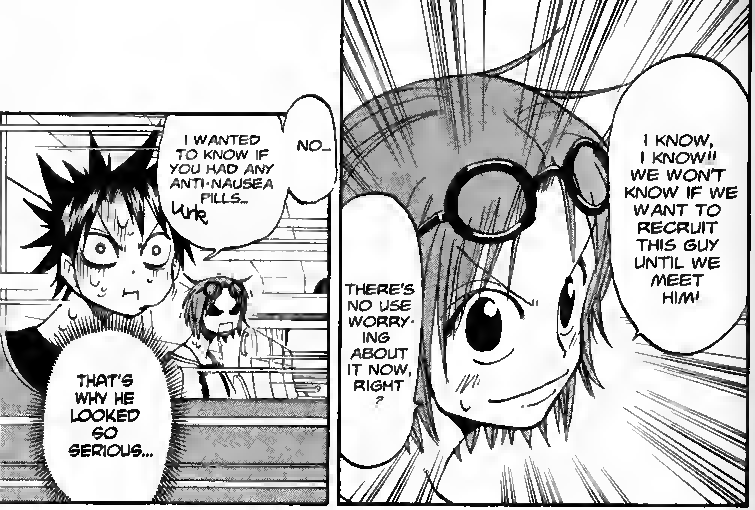

I WISH YOU ALL GOOD LUCK!
THIS CONCLUDES MY VISIT!
BRR BRR
EEK!
1-VS.-5!


I AM A MESSENGER FROM THE KING.
I'VE COME TODAY TO EXPLAIN THE SECOND ROUND.

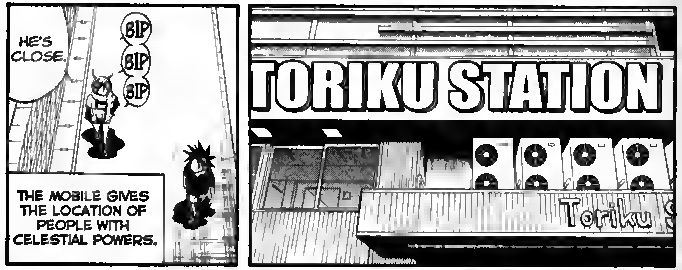

...TIME!!!
B-DMP
IT'S...
!!!


?!!
...THE SECOND PHASE ALLOWS FOR GROUP PARTICIPATION!!!
YOU CAN TEAM UP WITH ANYONE UP TO FIVE MEMBERS!

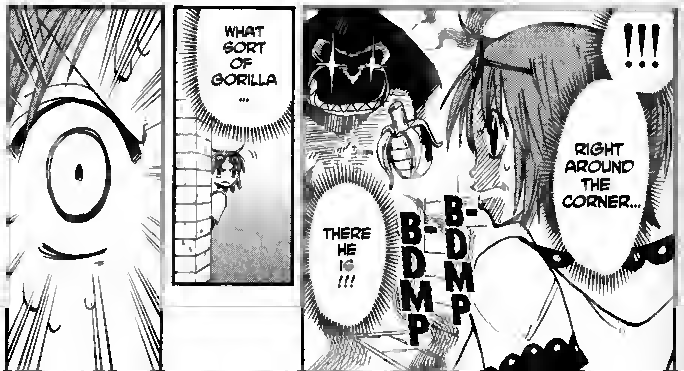

THE SECOND ROUND WILL START IN THREE WEEKS!
I WILL PROVIDE DETAILS AT THAT TIME
ALSO...

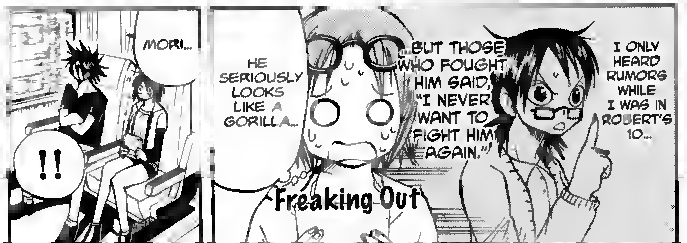

I KNOW, I KNOW!! WE WON'T KNOW IF WE WANT TO RECRUIT THIS GUY UNTIL WE MEET HIM!
THERE'S NO USE WORRYING ABOUT IT NOW, RIGHT?
NO--
I WANTED TO KNOW IF YOU HAD ANY ANTI-NAUSEA PILLS...
Uhh
THAT'S WHY HE LOOKED SO SERIOUS...


THE FOUR OF US ARE ALREADY A TEAM...
DIDN'T COUNT ON A TEAM MATCH.
...
All right! On to Africa!
YOOOOM
!
THERE...
...ONE PERSON I CAN THINK OF.
WE'VE GOT ROOM FOR ONE MORE.
...BUT WE CAN FILL THE ROSTER.
How many are still around in Japan?


HE'S CLOSE...
BIP
BIP
BIP
THE MOBILE GIVES THE LOCATION OF PEOPLE WITH CELESTIAL POWERS.
TORIKU STATION
Toriku


HIS NAME IS HIDEYOSHI SOYA.
UM...
RINKO TOLD US ALL ABOUT HIM.


WHAT SORT OF GORILLA...
!!!
RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER...
B-BDMP
B-BDMP
THERE HE IS!!!


MORI...
!!
HE SERIOUSLY LOOKS LIKE A GORILLA...
BUT THOSE WHO FOUGHT HIM SAID, "I NEVER WANT TO FIGHT HIM AGAIN."
I ONLY HEARD RUMORS WHILE I WAS IN ROBERT'S 10...
Freaking Out









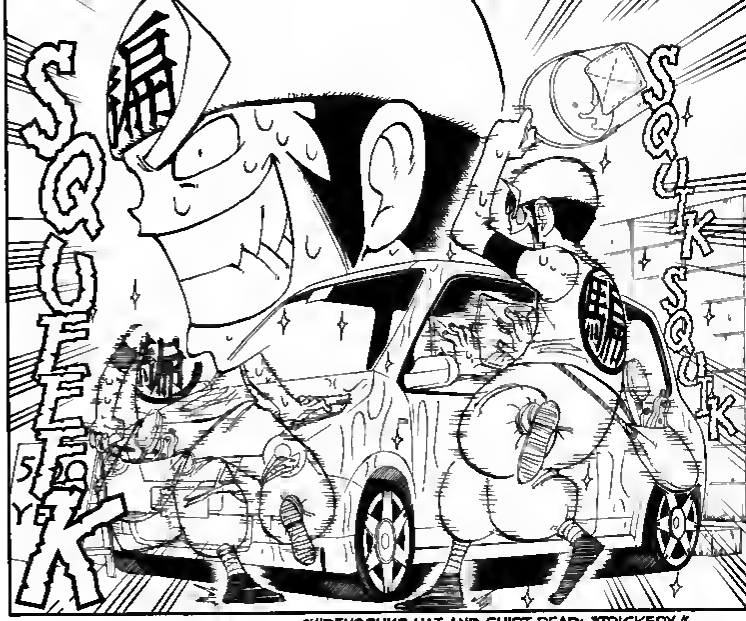






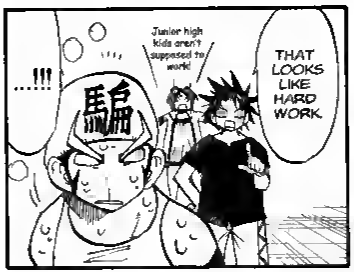


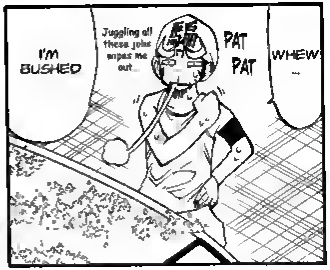


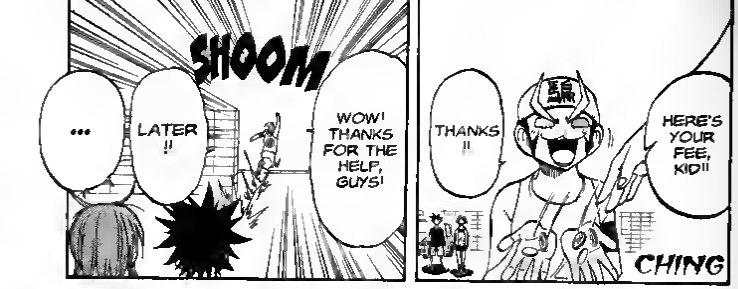


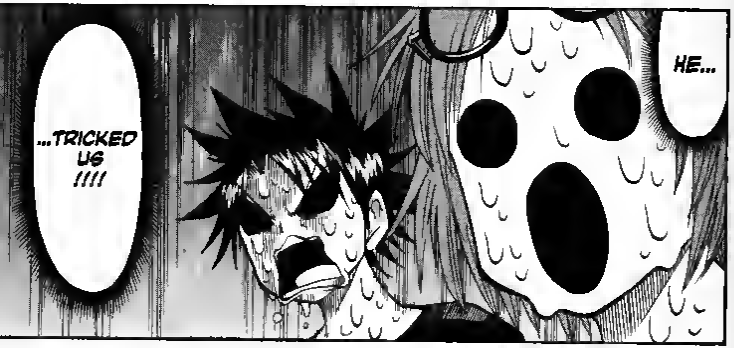

*HIDEYOSHI'S HAT AND SHIRT READ: "TRICKERY."




SHOOM
...
LATER !!
WOW! THANKS FOR THE HELP, GUYS!
THANKS !!
HERE'S YOUR FEE, KID!!
CHING

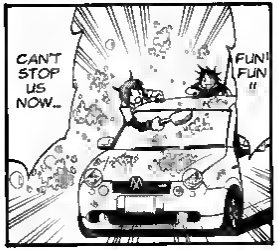

...TRICKED US !!!!
HE...


SK
!
RM
Oops!

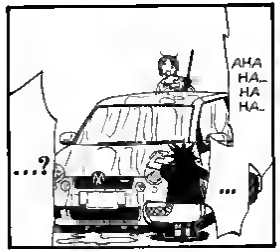

HOLD IT !!!
H... H... H... HO...

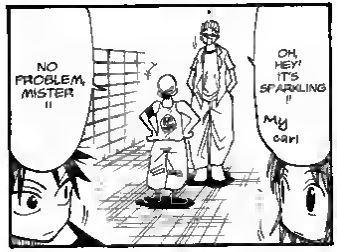

EEP
WE'RE HERE TO LOOK FOR TEAM-MATES.
YOU'RE HIDEYOSHI SOYA, RIGHT?
WE HAVE CELESTIAL POWERS, TOO
CALM DOWN REMEMBER OUR OBJECTIVE
WHOA
HOW DARE YOU TRICK ME, YOU... YOU...


WE'LL PAY !!
500 YEN PER PERSON
..BUT NOT FOR FREE
ALL RIGHT ..
HMM ...
PLEASE? PLEASE?
PLEASE!!! JUST A LITTLE BIT !!!


CAN'T STOP US NOW..
FUN! FUN !!


WA HA HA HA HA !!!
ALL RIGHT !!!

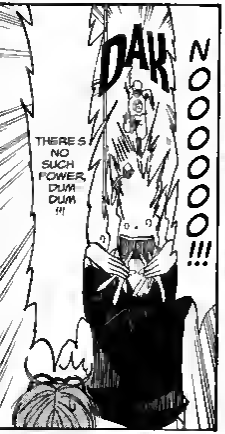

...?
AHA HA.. HA HA..
...

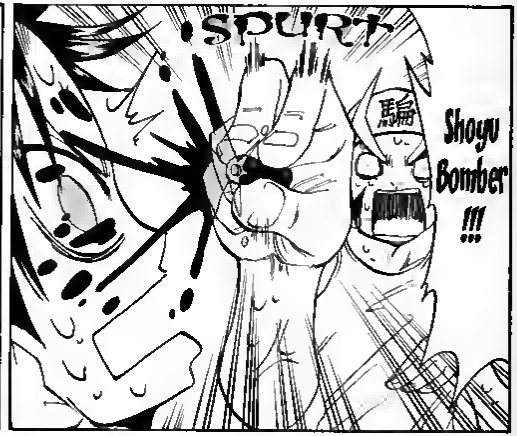

NO PROBLEM, MISTER !!
OH, HEY! IT'S SPARKLING !!
My car!


IT'S NOT.. THAT MUCH FUN...
ER...

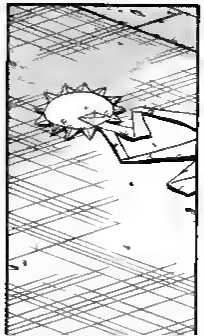

WIP WIP


HEY !!!
YOU CAN'T USE A POWER LIKE THAT IN THE MIDDLE OF A CROWDED STREET !!!

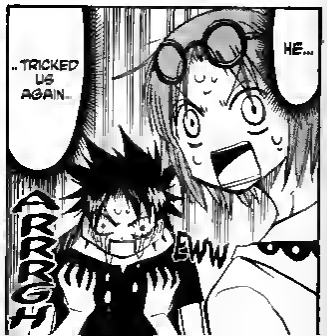

DAK
NOOOOOO !!!
THERE'S NO SUCH POWER, DUM DUM !!!


SPURT
Shoyu Bomber !!!

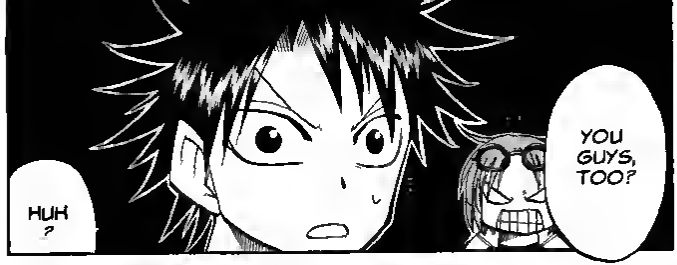







HE...
..TRICKED US AGAIN..
ARRRGH
BWW




HUH ?
YOU GUYS, TOO?


I'M NOT GONNA GO BACK TO THOSE BATTLES !!!!
ARE YOU HIS FLUNKIES ?
I DON'T CARE HOW MUCH YOU BUG ME !!!


GRP
WIP WIP
THE POWER TO...


!
WHO'RE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
WHAT? HEY.


BOOM
WHAT ?
WIP WIP
..TURN ROCKS INTO METEORS !!!


BUT..
YEAH! AS A THANK-YOU FOR PLAYING WITH THEM ALL THE TIME
THESE KIDS GAVE IT TO YOU?
...
I must've dropped it
HEH..
PLAYING WITH THEM, AND BUYING THEM SNACKS WITH THE MONEY I EARN..
THAT'S ABOUT ALL I CAN DO FOR THESE KIDS WHO LOST THEIR PARENTS.
HEY, YOU THOUGHT WE WERE SENT BY SOMEBODY, RIGHT?
WHO IS HE?
...!!
...!!!
THEY DON'T HAVE TO THANK ME...
OH, SORRY ABOUT THAT..
NOPE
YOU.. REALLY DON'T KNOW?

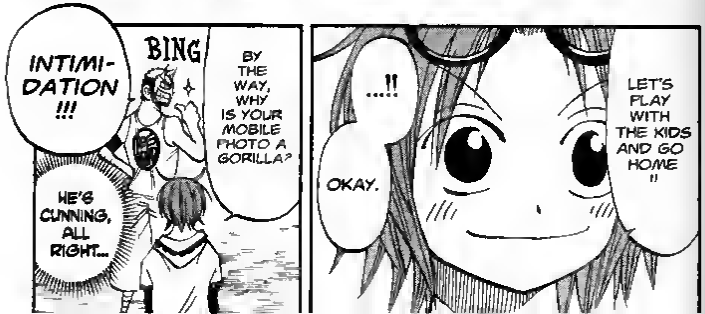

THE HOUSE OF THE SUN
EEK
Tracking with the mobile is hard..
FOUND YOU, HIDEYOSHI !!
WANNA EAT MY SHOYU BOMBER AGAIN?
HERE
BA
M
YOU DON'T KNOW WHEN TO QUIT!"
WE FOUND IT
IT'S YOURS, RIGHT?
Tricky brother, thank you for playing with us. From everybody at the House of the Sun.
THANK YOU !!!
OH, WOW !!!
Tricky brother, thank you for playing with us. From everybody at the House of the Sun.

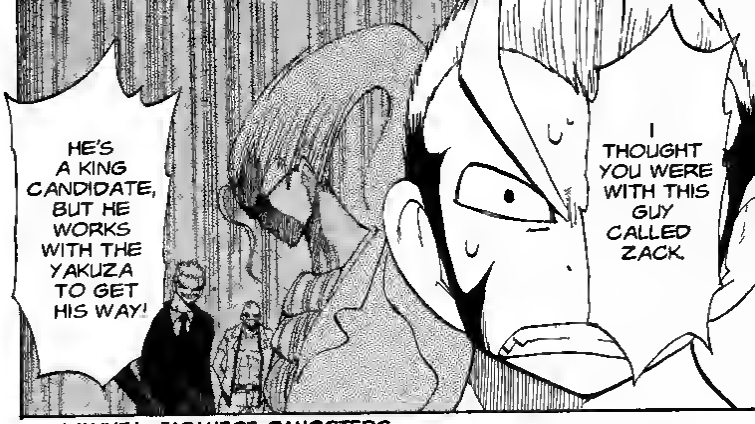




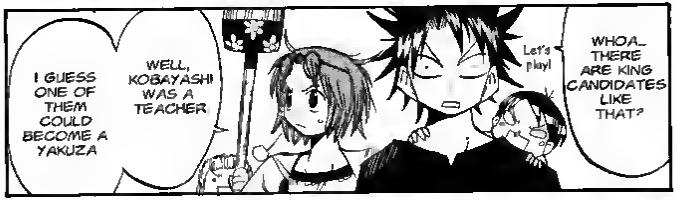





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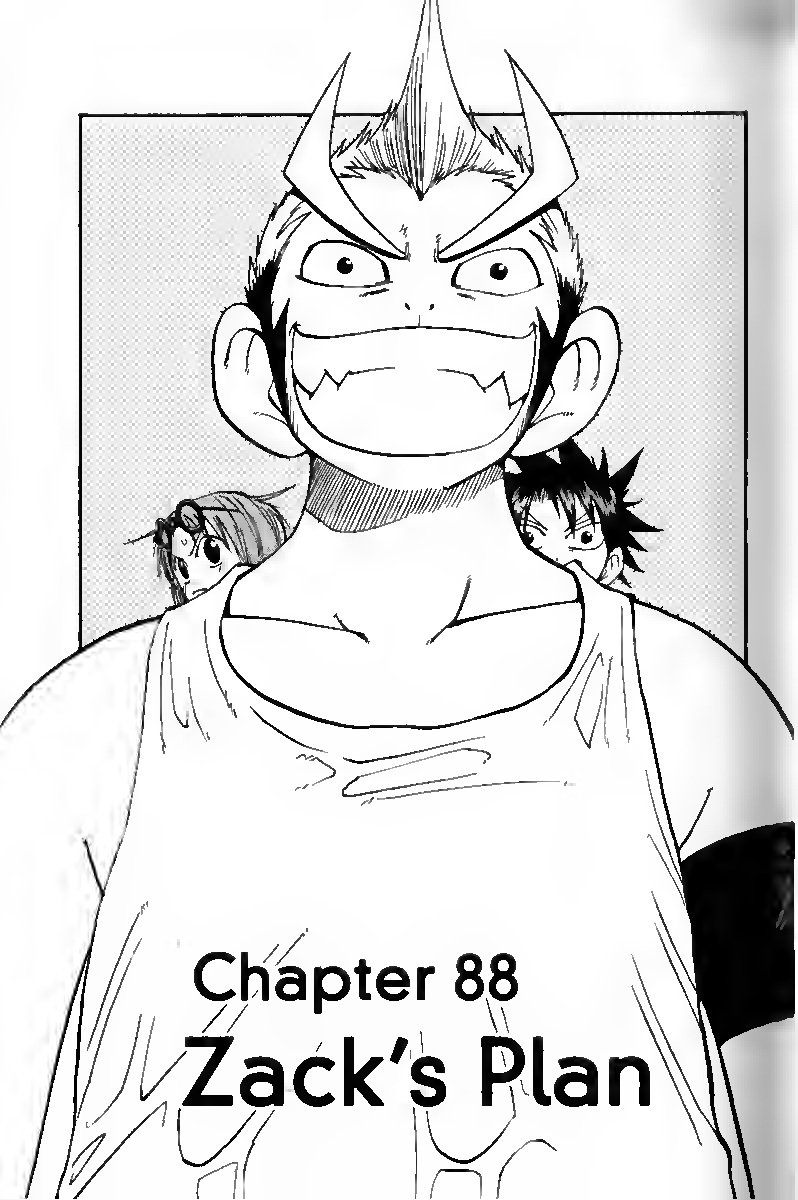




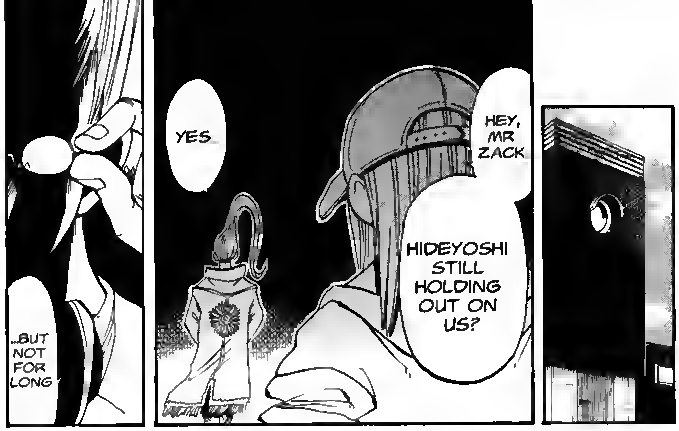




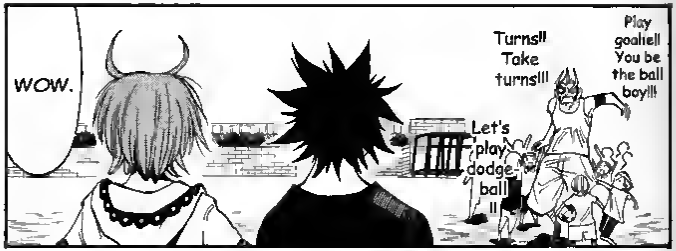


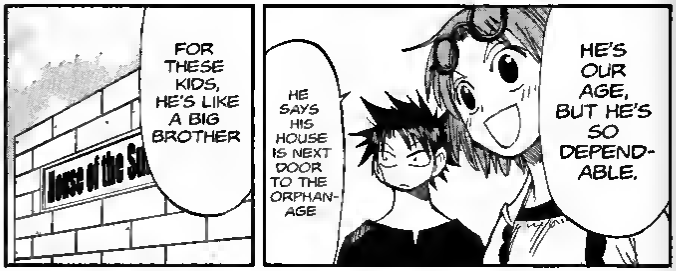



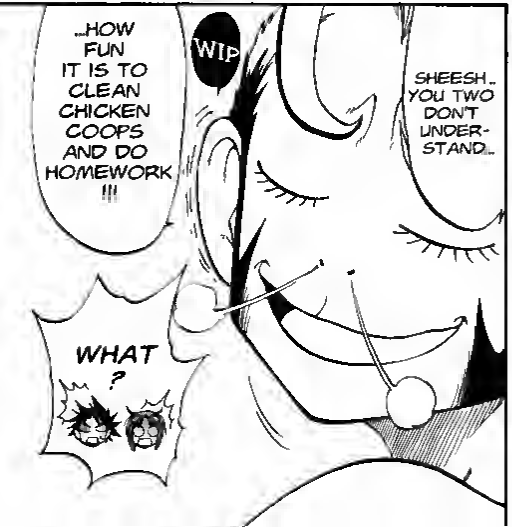
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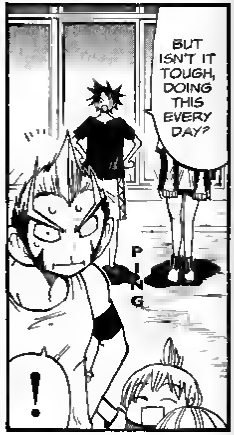


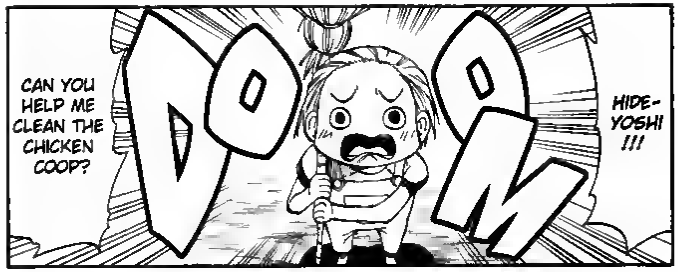




WOW.
Let's play dodge-ball !!
Turns!! Take turns!!!
Play goalie!! You be the ball boy!!!


FOR THESE KIDS, HE'S LIKE A BIG BROTHER
HE SAYS HIS HOUSE IS NEXT DOOR TO THE ORPHAN-AGE
HE'S OUR AGE, BUT HE'S SO DEPEND-ABLE.


...HOW FUN IT IS TO CLEAN CHICKEN COOPS AND DO HOMEWORK !!!
WIP
SHEESH.. YOU TWO DON'T UNDER-STAND..
WHAT ?

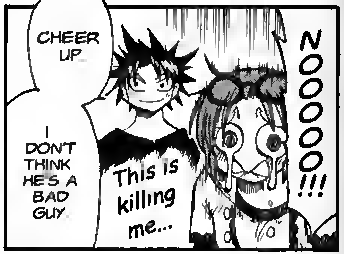

BUT ISN'T IT TOUGH, DOING THIS EVERY DAY?
PING
!

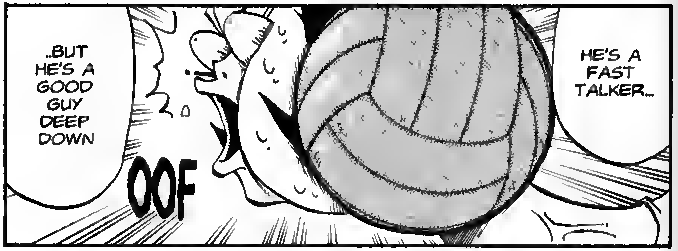

CAN YOU HELP ME CLEAN THE CHICKEN COOP?
DOOM
HIDE-YOSHI !!!

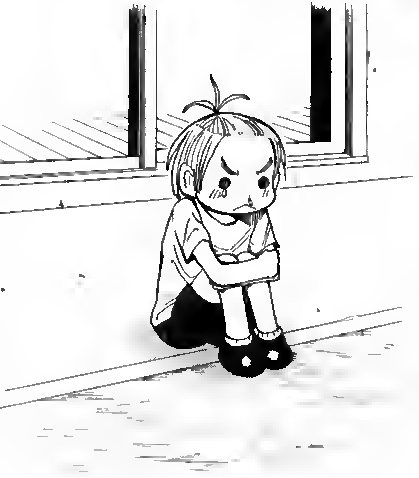

CAN YOU TEACH ME HOW TO RIDE A BIKE?
DING DING
HIDE-YOSHI !
HELP ME WITH MY HOMEWORK !!!
TRICKY BROTHER !!!
BAM

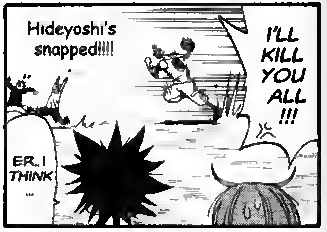

CAN'T YOU GUYS DO ANYTHING WITHOUT ME?
AAARGH !!!
YEAH, BUT DON'T COME AT ME ALL AT ONCE !!!
EEEEEK!!!!

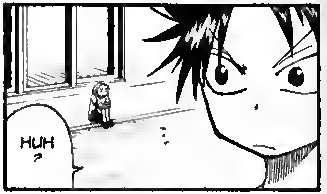

AND HE SAYS HE WON'T BATTLE SO HE CAN STAY HERE WITH THEM.
Bring it!!!!!
All right !!!
LOOK HOW WELL HE LOOKS AFTER THE KIDS


CHEER UP.
I DON'T THINK HE'S A BAD GUY.
This is killing me...
NOOOOO!!!

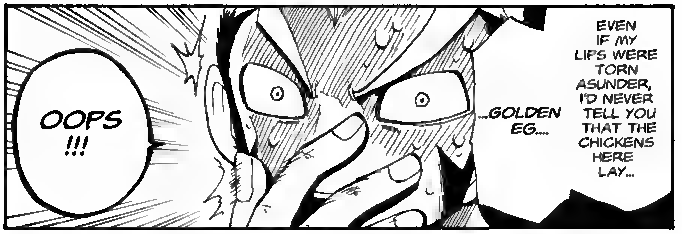

..BUT HE'S A GOOD GUY DEEP DOWN
OOF
HE'S A FAST TALKER...

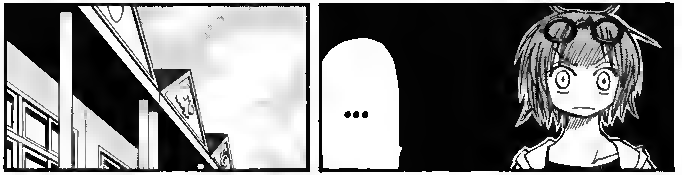



Hideyoshi's snapped!!!!
I'LL KILL YOU ALL !!!
ER..I THINK ...

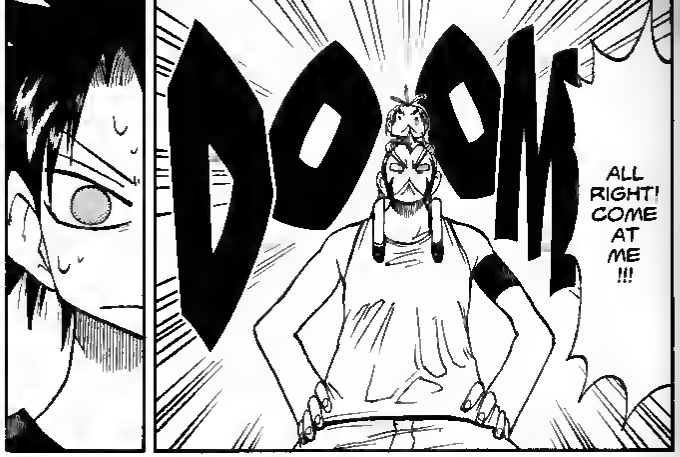

HUH ?

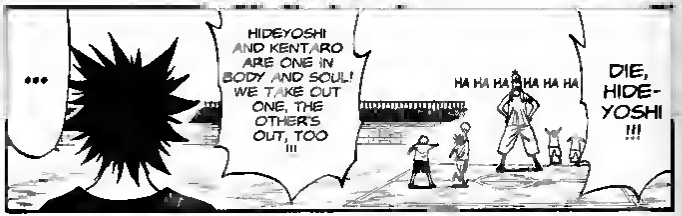

IF I TOLD YOU THAT, I'D HAVE A GREAT JOB TAKEN AWAY FROM ME AGAIN.
HOW COULD CLEANING A CHICKEN COOP BE FUN?
YOU'RE GONNA MAKE US DO YOUR WORK AGAIN !!!
YOU CAN'T FOOL US TWICE !!!


OOPS !!!
...GOLDEN EG...
EVEN IF MY LIPS WERE TORN ASUNDER, I'D NEVER TELL YOU THAT THE CHICKENS HERE LAY...


...


HE TRICKED ME !!!!
Mori you never learn
HEY, THANKS FOR CLEANING THE COOP!

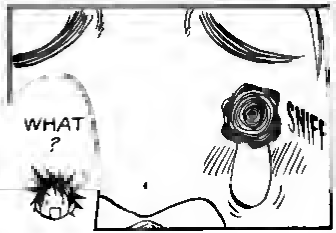

DOOM
ALL RIGHT! COME AT ME !!!


...
HIDEYOSHI AND KENTARO ARE ONE IN BODY AND SOUL! WE TAKE OUT ONE, THE OTHER'S OUT, TOO !!!
HA HA HA HA HA HA
DIE, HIDE-YOSHI !!!

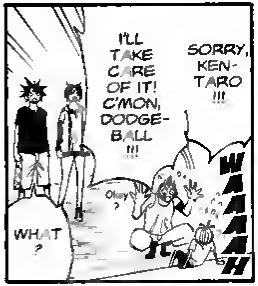

HA HA HA HA HA !!!
HE'S FAST !!!
I can see residual images!
WITH OUR POWERS COMBINED, WE CAN DODGE SUCH THROWS !!!
SHF
HA HA !!
WOOSH
HI-YAH !!!
SHF


I JUST HOLD EVERYONE BACK...
NO... I'M NO GOOD AT ANYTHING
POUT


Everyone's playing dodgeball
WHAT'S THE MATTER? YOU'RE NOT GOING TO PLAY?

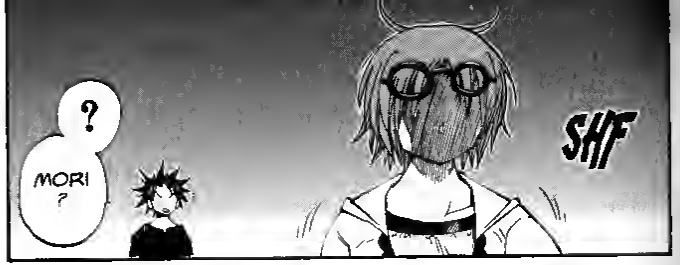

WHAT ?
SNIFF

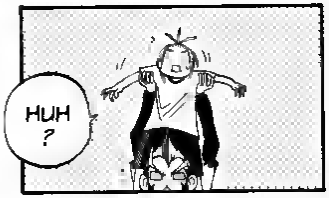

!!!
GRP
SO WHAT ?
LET'S GO!!

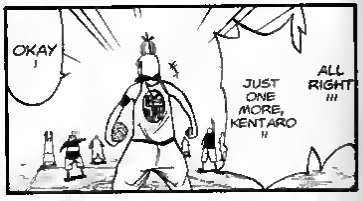

I'LL TAKE CARE OF IT! C'MON, DODGE-BALL !!!
SORRY, KEN-TARO !!!
WHAT ?
Okay?
WAAAAH


ZA
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I DON'T WANNA !!!
WAAAAAAAH !!!
HUH? WHAT?
Ah!!!


SHF
MORI ?
?


HUH ?

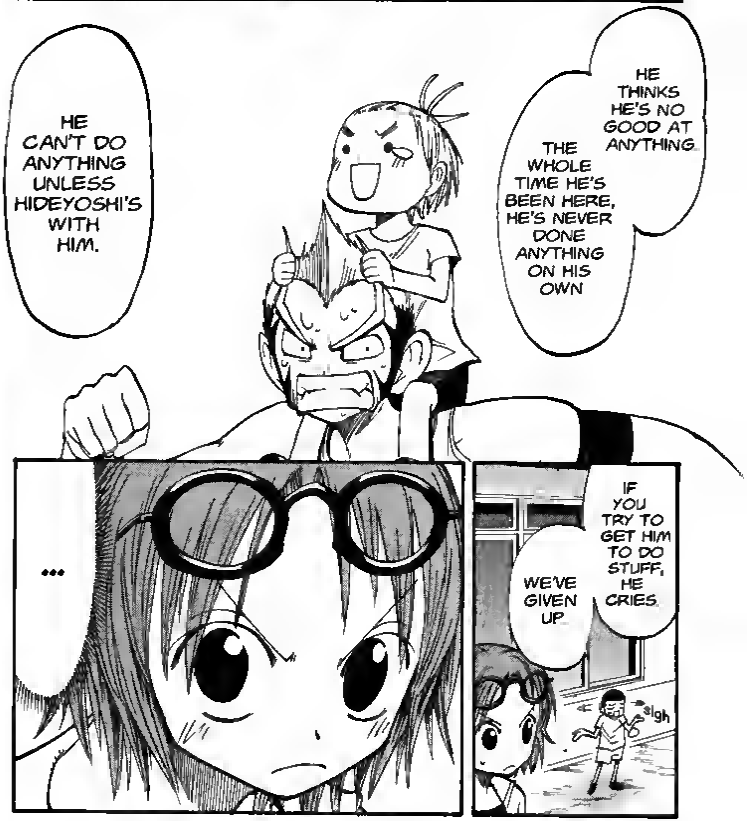

OKAY !
JUST ONE MORE, KENTARO !!
ALL RIGHT !!!

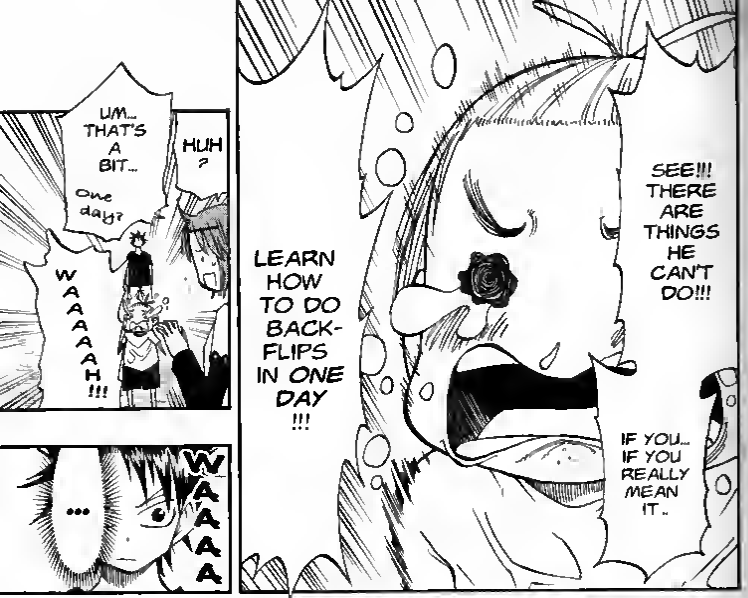

MORI ?
...?!!

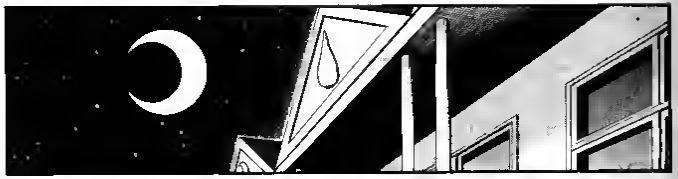

FIGHT ON YOUR OWN
TAF
WHAT ?


I CAN'T !!!
WAAAAAAH !!!
I DON'T WANNA !!!
YOU CAN!
YOU HAVE TO
HEY! DON'T FORCE HIM.

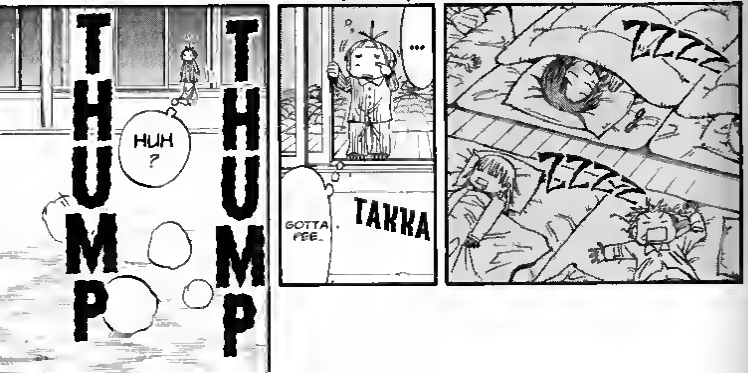

MAN. KENTARO WON'T CHANGE.
WON'T CHANGE ?


HE CAN'T DO ANYTHING UNLESS HIDEYOSHI'S WITH HIM.
HE THINKS HE'S NO GOOD AT ANYTHING.
THE WHOLE TIME HE'S BEEN HERE, HE'S NEVER DONE ANYTHING ON HIS OWN
...
WE'VE GIVEN UP.
IF YOU TRY TO GET HIM TO DO STUFF, HE CRIES.
sigh



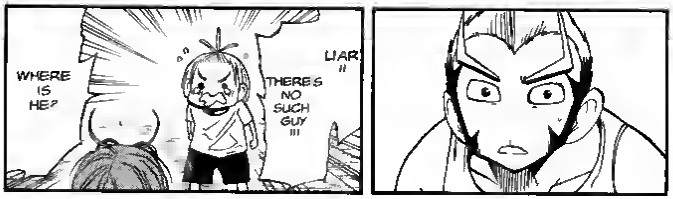



IT GOT LATE, SO THEY DECIDED TO SPEND THE NIGHT.





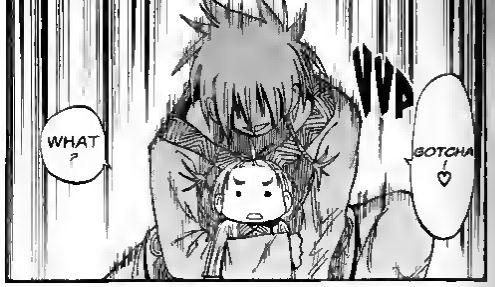




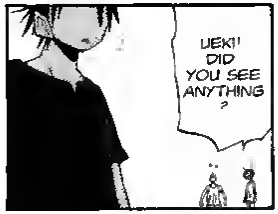




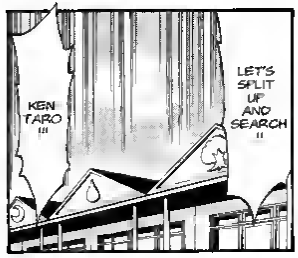
CHIRP
CHIRP
NEXT MORNING...


WHAT ?
YUP
GOTCHA ♡


KENTARO! WHERE ARE YOU?
KEN-TARO !!!


UEK! DID YOU SEE ANYTHING ?

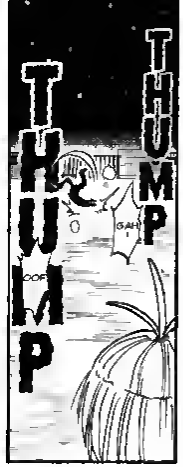

I WOKE UP AND KENTARO WAS GONE !!!
WHAT'S UP?

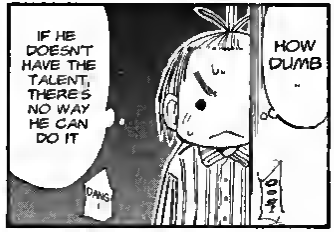

KEN TARO !!
LET'S SPLIT UP AND SEARCH !!

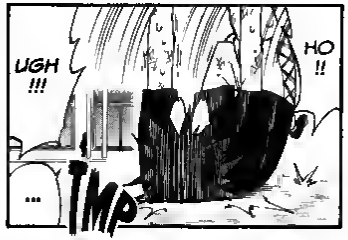

WAAH
I WAS OUT PRACTICING BACKFLIPS BY THE GATE ALL NIGHT...
..BUT NOBODY WENT OUT THAT WAY



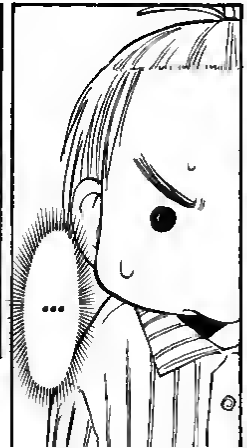

HFF
HFF
HFF


THUMP
THUMP
THUMP


IF HE DOESN'T HAVE THE TALENT, THERE'S NO WAY HE CAN DO IT
HOW DUMB
DANG !


UGH !!!
HO !!
...
TMP


HMPH! NO WAY!!
BATHROOM.. BATHROOM..
TUK

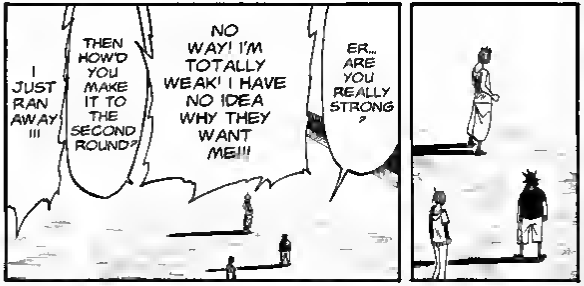

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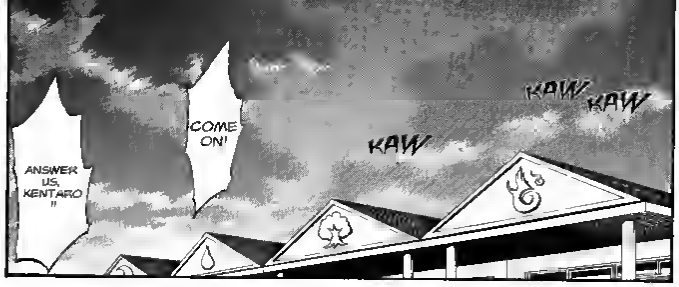


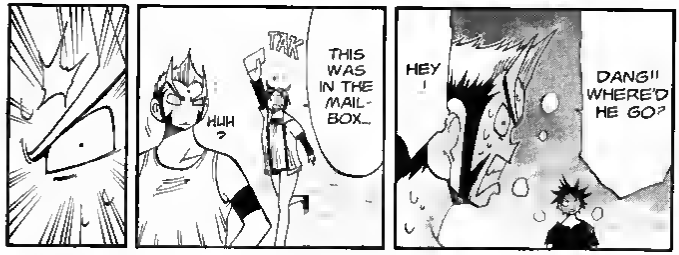

I CAN'T BELIEVE THEY'D GET A LITTLE KID INVOLVED !!!
ME NEI-THER !!
CAN I GO ALONG WITH YOU?
I WON'T LET THEM GET AWAY WITH THIS !!!
BRR BRR
I... I... I...
CHAKKACHAKKACHAK

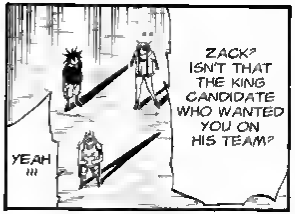

YOU'LL BE A HUGE HELP!!! PLEASE GIVE IT YOUR BEST!!!
ON SECOND THOUGHT..
FORGET IT!!! THIS IS MY PROBLEM !!!


HFF
HFF
HFF

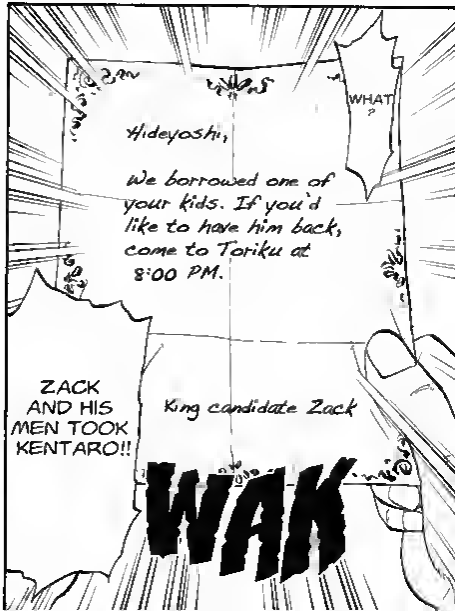

I JUST RAN AWAY !!!
THEN HOW'D YOU MAKE IT TO THE SECOND ROUND?
NO WAY! I'M TOTALLY WEAK! I HAVE NO IDEA WHY THEY WANT ME!!!
ER... ARE YOU REALLY STRONG ?


ANSWER IS KENTARO !!
COME ON!
KAW
KAW KAW


HUH ?
TAK
THIS WAS IN THE MAIL-BOX..
HEY !
DANG!! WHERE'D HE GO?


YEAH !!!
ZACK? ISN'T THAT THE KING CANDIDATE WHO WANTED YOU ON HIS TEAM?


HE'S GONE TO EXTREME MEASURES !!!
CRRM
BECAUSE I WOULDN'T LISTEN TO HIM..


WHAT ?
Hideyoshi,
We borrowed one of your kids. If you'd like to have him back, come to Toriku at 8:00 PM.
King candidate Zack
ZACK AND HIS MEN TOOK KENTARO!!
WAK

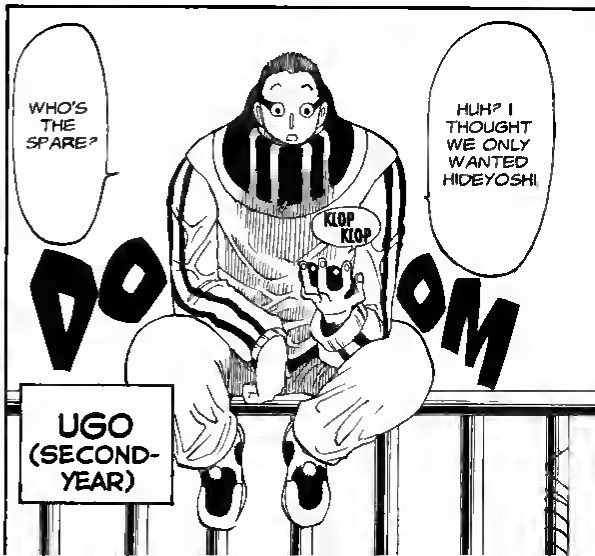

HIDE-YOSHI! DODGE !!!
HUH ?


!!!!
DOOM


WHAT ?
UGH!
ZAAAAAAK
THERE'S TWO OF US, TOO
OH, YEAH.


NNNG !!
NNNG !!
I'VE BEEN WAITING
!!!!
HERE WE ARE...
?!


!!!
WE'LL SAVE YOU, KEN-TARO !!
AH!

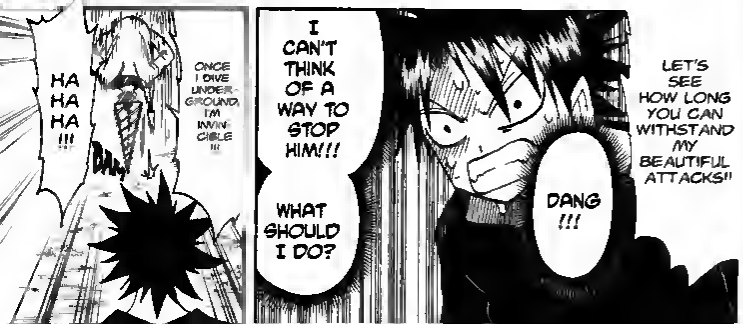

WHO'S THE SPARE?
HUH? I THOUGHT WE ONLY WANTED HIDEYOSHI
KLOP KLOP
DOOM
UGO (SECOND-YEAR)


YEAH
!!!
...TO TURN WALLS INTO TSUNAMIS !!!
WUP WUP
THE POWER...
...?
HUH?
...
WHAT THE...
VOOP
I'LL LEAVE THE OTHER GUY TO YOU!!!
UEKI! I'LL TAKE THIS ONE!!
Don't let them team up!!!
DAH
WHY, YOU-
THROB
ARRRGH!!
STAB
MAGNUM!!!
!
HE DIDN'T CHOOSE TO FIGHT ME.
HE'S LUCKY
HIDE-YOSHI!!!
You okay?
AAAAAA
NICE WORK, DODGING MY BEAUTIFUL SURPRISE ATTACK!!!
NIKO (SECOND-YEAR)
WHERE'D THIS GUY COME FROM?
WHAT'S HIS POWER?
IT JUST NICKED ME.
HEY, ARE YOU OKAY?
SCRATCH
YEAH!
IT'S TWO AGAINST TWO
TAK
OH, LOOK.
YOU GUYS...
...ARE GONNA REGRET THIS !!!
KEN-TARO !!!
NNING
NNING


AND I MOVE IN BEAUTIFUL SILENCE!!! YOU CAN'T TRACK ME!!!
MY MAXIMUM GROUND SPEED IS THREE HUNDRED KILOMETERS PER HOUR!!!
!!!


AND HE CAN EVEN DRILL THROUGH DIAMOND!!! CAN HOOD BLOCK THAT?
AT THAT SPEED, I CAN'T EVEN DODGE HIM WITH RAIKA!!
THREE HUNDRED KILO-METERS PER HOUR?

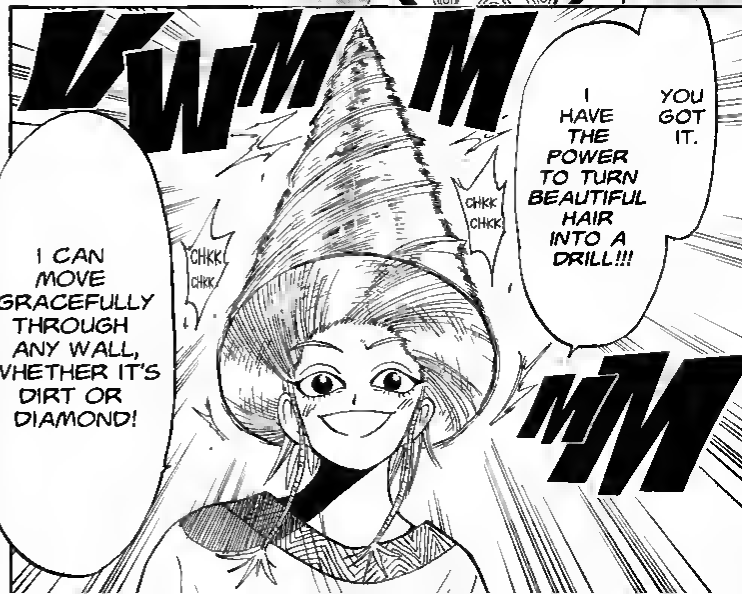

THE INSTANT I DIVE INTO THE GROUND, YOU'LL BE HELPLESS!!!
I COULD POP OUT ANY-WHERE!!! YES!!
AND TO MAKE THINGS WORSE, YOU'RE SURROUNDED BY WALLS !!!


HA HA HA !!!
ONCE I DIVE UNDER GROUND, I'M INVINCIBLE !!!
I CAN'T THINK OF A WAY TO STOP HIM!!!
WHAT SHOULD I DO?
DANG !!!
LET'S SEE HOW LONG YOU CAN WITHSTAND MY BEAUTIFUL ATTACKS!!


HOW'D HE SUDDENLY APPEAR OUT OF THIN AIR?
WHAT'S HIS POWER ?

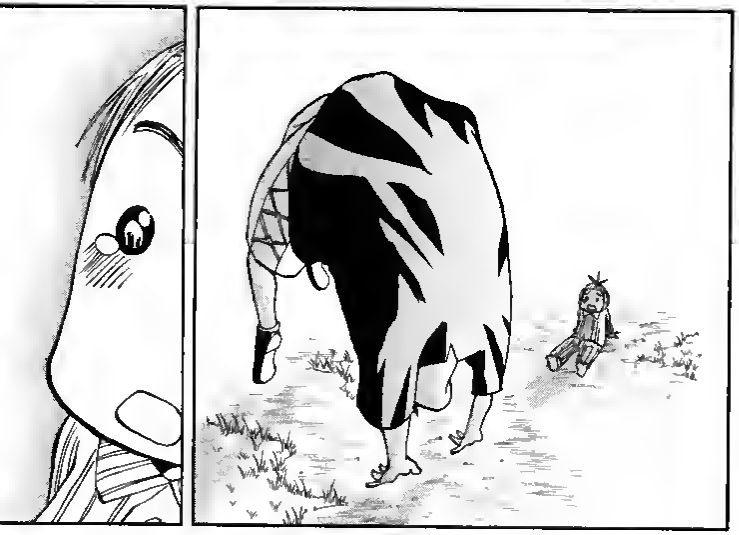

THIR
AHA
!!!
WE'RE SUR-ROUNDED BY WALLS..


WHOOSH
HE'D HAVE BEEN HELPLESS BEFORE MY BEAUTIFUL POWER
NOT THAT YOU HAVE A CHANCE, EITHER.

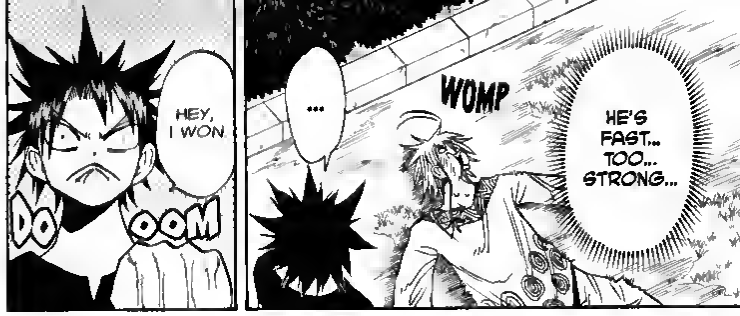

I CAN MOVE GRACEFULLY THROUGH ANY WALL, WHETHER IT'S DIRT OR DIAMOND!
CHKK CHKK
CHKK CHKK
I HAVE THE POWER TO TURN BEAUTIFUL HAIR INTO A DRILL!!!
YOU GOT IT.

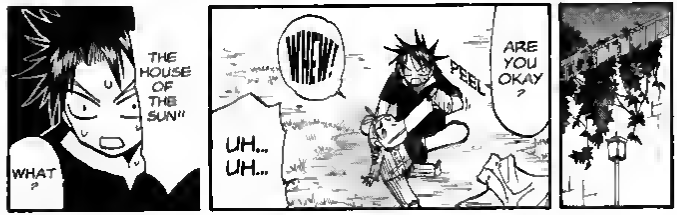

THEN DON'T DIVE !!!!
THAT'S ...
OOOG !!
...COLD...


WATCH
HUH ?
WAAAA-AAAAA-AAAAH
...
I'M SCAARED !!!
JUST GET CLOSE ENOUGH TO YELL FOR HIM, THEN RUN AWAY...
NOOOO!!! THERE'S A SCARY MAN OVER THERE!!!
I CAN'T !!!




...!
BE STRONG OKAY?
SEE ?
IF YOU TRY, YOU CAN DO IT.
...
THUP
HOH !


HEY, I WON
DO OOM
...
WOMP
HE'S FAST... TOO... STRONG...


WHAT ?
THE HOUSE OF THE SUN"
WHEE!!
UH... UH...
PEEL
ARE YOU OKAY ?


IF I STOP TO GET HIDEYOSHI NOW, I'LL BE TOO LATE !!!
CRUD!!! THIS WAS A DECOY !!!
THEY'RE REALLY AFTER THE ORPHANAGE!!!
THEY SAID WITH THE HOUSE GONE, HIDEYOSHI WILL HAVE NOTHING TO PROTECT, SO HE'LL JOIN THEIR TEAM !!!
THEY SAID... THEY'LL DESTROY THE HOUSE OF THE SUN WHILE HIDEYOSHI IS GONE !!!
?!!
GO GET HIDEYOSHI !!!
KENTARO !!
WHAT ?


RUB RUB RUB
...
YEAH.
JUST GIVE IT YOUR BEST!!
I CAN DO IT IF I TRY?
REALLY?
I'LL GO AFTER HIDEYOSHI!!!!
OKAY!!
LET'S DO THIS!!!
ALL RIGHT!






TAP
HUH?
I'LL GO GET HIDE-YOSHI!!!
SKCH SKCH
I DON'T NEED A REASON TO HELP SOMEBODY IN TROUBLE
ER...
WUP
HEY..
WHY ARE YOU HELPING US, ANYWAY?
THIS IS THE WAY I AM.
BECAUSE MY HERO WAS SOMEBODY WHO COULDN'T LEAVE A GUY IN TROUBLE.

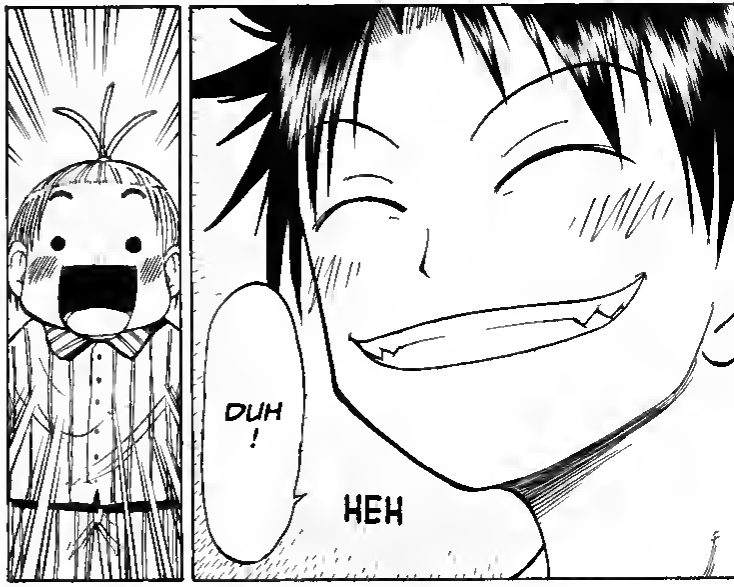



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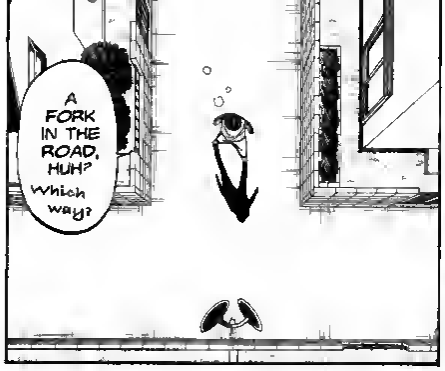




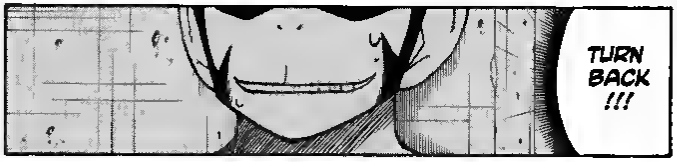


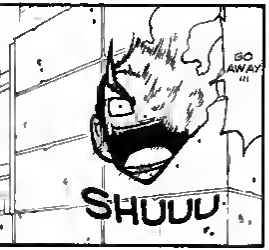


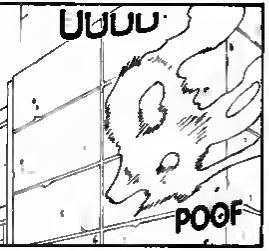




A FORK IN THE ROAD, HUH?
Which way?


HA!
YOU CAN'T RUN FROM ME!
TAK
!


TURN BACK !!!


GO AWAY !!!
SHUUU


UUUU
POOF

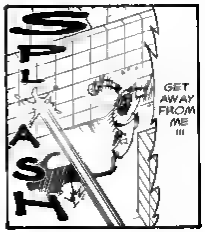

DON'T GET NEAR ME !!!
HUH ?




WOOM
THE POWER TO TURN RUBBER BALLS INTO ACID !!!


BLORP
!!!!

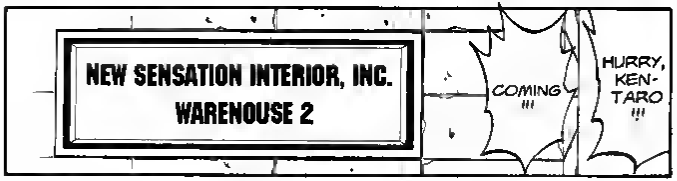

VOOSH

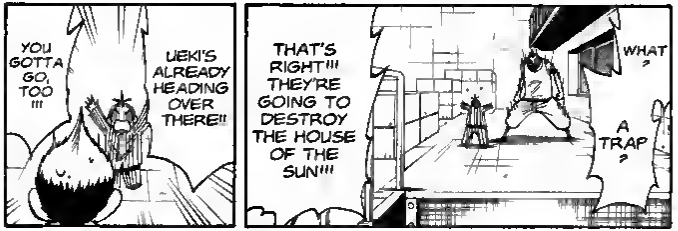

SPLASH
GET AWAY FROM ME !!!


SZZZZ

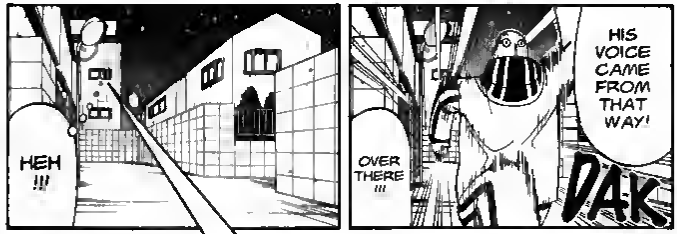

NOOOOOOO !!!

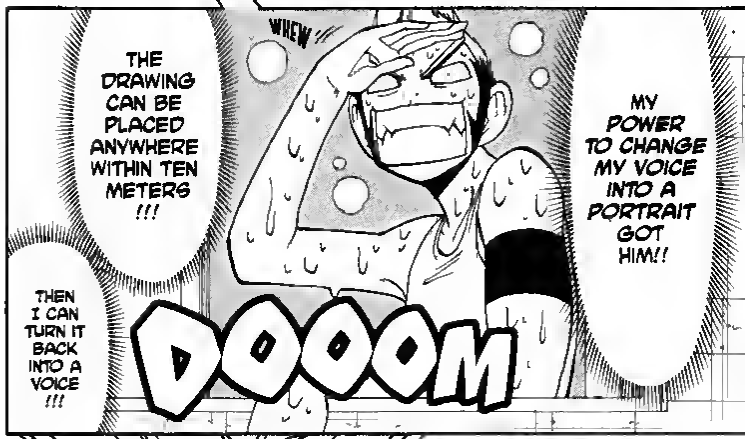

"ARE" for short! Interior!!!
NEW SENSATION!!!
?
SOMETHING CALLED "ARE"... Weird name.
OKAY !!!
COME IN !!!
IT'S NOT SAFE OUT THERE !!!

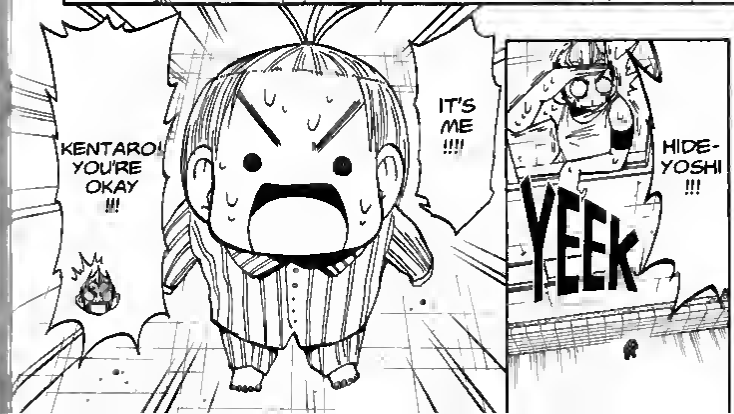

NEW SENSATION INTERIOR, INC. WAREHOUSE 2
COMING !!!
HURRY, KENTARO !!!

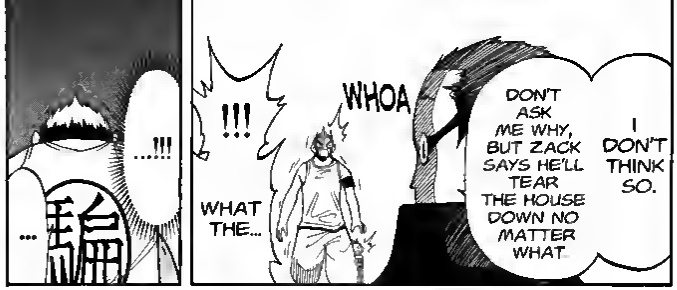

YOU GOTTA GO, TOO !!!
UEKI'S ALREADY HEADING OVER THERE!!
THAT'S RIGHT!!! THEY'RE GOING TO DESTROY THE HOUSE OF THE SUN!!!
WHAT ?
A TRAP ?

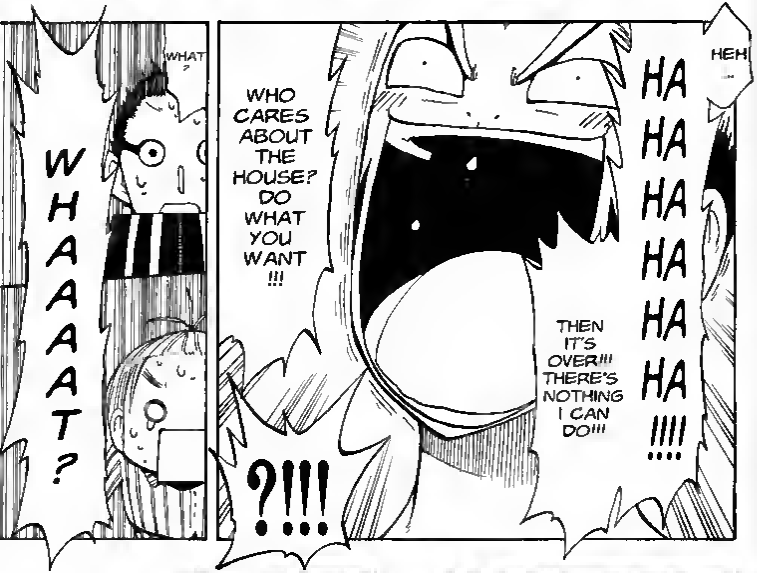

I DON'T WANNA JOIN YOU!! WHY DO YOU KEEP BUGGING ME?
UGH!!! ZACK !!!!


HEH !!!
OVER THERE !!!
HIS VOICE CAME FROM THAT WAY!
DAK


WHEW !!!
THE DRAWING CAN BE PLACED ANYWHERE WITHIN TEN METERS !!!
MY POWER TO CHANGE MY VOICE INTO A PORTRAIT GOT HIM!!
THEN I CAN TURN IT BACK INTO A VOICE !!!
DOOOM

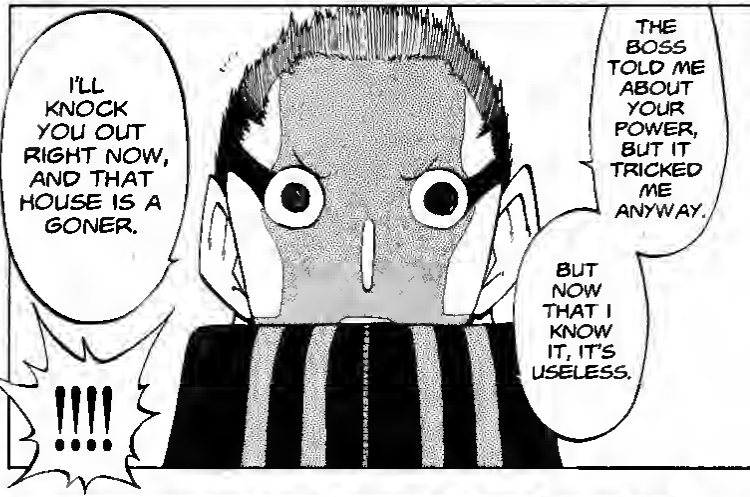

KENTARO! YOU'RE OKAY !!!
IT'S ME !!!!
HIDEYOSHI !!!
YEEK


...!!!
...
WHOA
!!!
WHAT THE...
I DON'T THINK SO.
DON'T ASK ME WHY, BUT ZACK SAYS HE'LL TEAR THE HOUSE DOWN NO Mmatter WHAT


WHAT ?
WHAAAAT?
WHO CARES ABOUT THE HOUSE? DO WHAT YOU WANT !!!
?!!!
HEH ...
HA HA HA HA HA !!!!
THEN IT'S OVER!!! THERE'S NOTHING I CAN DO!!!

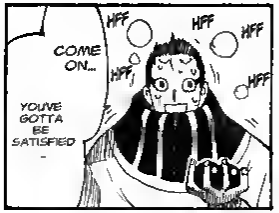

DON'T INSULT ME!!! MY BALLS HIT THE TARGET EVERY TIME!!
YEAH ?
YOUR RUBBER BALLS ARE WEAK!
I DON'T WANT TO TEAM UP WITH WIMPS.
!!!!
NOOO
DOOOM
WHAT ?
really ?
LOOK !!!
EVEN IF YOU TRASH THE HOUSE, I'M NOT JOINING YOU GUYS!!!


UH-OH !!
TROMP
TROMP
THERE YOU ARE!

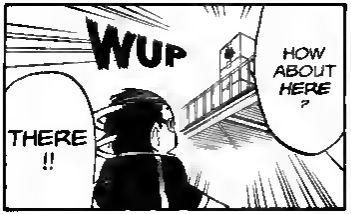

I'LL KNOCK YOU OUT RIGHT NOW, AND THAT HOUSE IS A GONER.
!!!!
THE BOSS TOLD ME ABOUT YOUR POWER, BUT IT TRICKED ME ANYWAY.
BUT NOW THAT I KNOW IT, IT'S USELESS.


IF I SAY I'LL JOIN YOU GUYS, YOU'LL LEAVE THE HOUSE ALONE?
THEN ...
YOU'RE TRYING TO GET ME TO JOIN, RIGHT?
ONE QUESTION.
THAT'S RIGHT
UGH !!!


TH
CHECK IT OUT !!!
HOW ABOUT HERE?
THUK
OF COURSE !!
AND HERE?
THUK
YOH !!!
AND HERE?
THUK
HOH !!!
HOW ABOUT HERE?
THUK

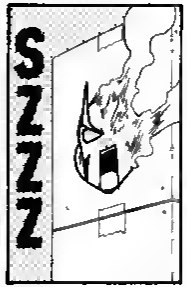

COME ON...
HFF
HFF
HFF
HFF
HFF
YOU'VE GOTTA BE SATISFIED -



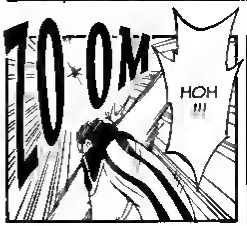

WUP
THERE !!
HOW ABOUT HERE ?


SHIIING
WHAT ?
WHERE'D HE GO?

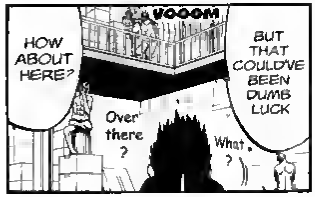

TP...
WHAT ?
A drawing ?

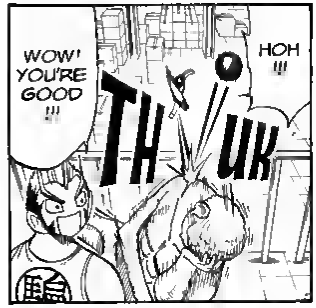

SZZZ


YOU ONLY GET ONE SHOT !!!
HIT THIS STATUE FROM DOWN THERE !!!
PROVE IT, HOT SHOT!


ZOOM
HOH !!!


VWOOP
HERE WE GO-
ALL RIGHT!
SHEESH... WHATEVER. I JUST NEED TO CONVINCE HIM!

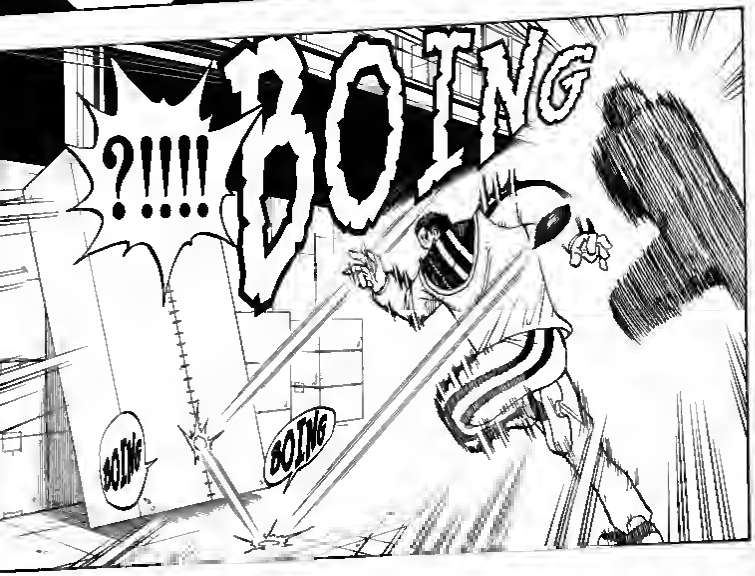

VOOOM
HOW ABOUT HERE?
Over there ?
BUT THAT COULD'VE BEEN DUMB LUCK
What ?


WOW! YOU'RE GOOD !!!
HOH !!!
TH
UK


TH
WOW !!! Sweet!!!
UK


SQUE
EZE
Super Wasabeam !!!!
WHAT ?
WAAH
OOF
ARRRRRGH!
SHF
?!!
HOW ABOUT HERE?
WHAT ARE YOU...
He's Bone!
WHAT THE ...
BWO
Natto Flash !!!!
UGH!! IT STINKS !!!!
SNEAK
I WON'T TURN AROUND!! IT'S ANOTHER DRAWING !!
WHERE'S THE REAL...
HOW ABOUT HERE?
GLOOP
GLOOP
THAT WAS THE REAL THING!
SHFF
HOW ABOUT HERE?
WHAT ?
HE TRICKED ME !!!!
I'M SURROUNDED BY THOSE DRAWINGS !!!
THERE'S NO WAY TO TELL WHICH IS REAL AND WHICH ISN'T!!!
HMPH!! LIKE I WOULDN'T CARE WHAT HAPPENS TO THE KIDS!!!
I'LL TAKE YOU DOWN AND SAVE THE HOUSE !!!
WHAT SHOULD I DO?
PING
AHA


JUST KIDDING!

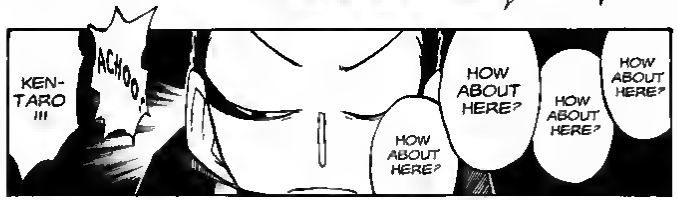

?!!!!
BOING
BOING
BOING

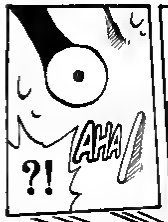

BLO
!!!!
OSH
EAT IT !!!!

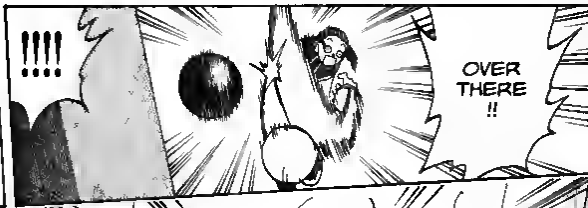

I ALWAYS PLANNED TO HIT YOU ON THE REBOUND !!!
WUP
I KNEW YOU'D TRY TO TRICK ME WITH THE KID'S VOICE !!


How about here?
How about here?
... SHFF

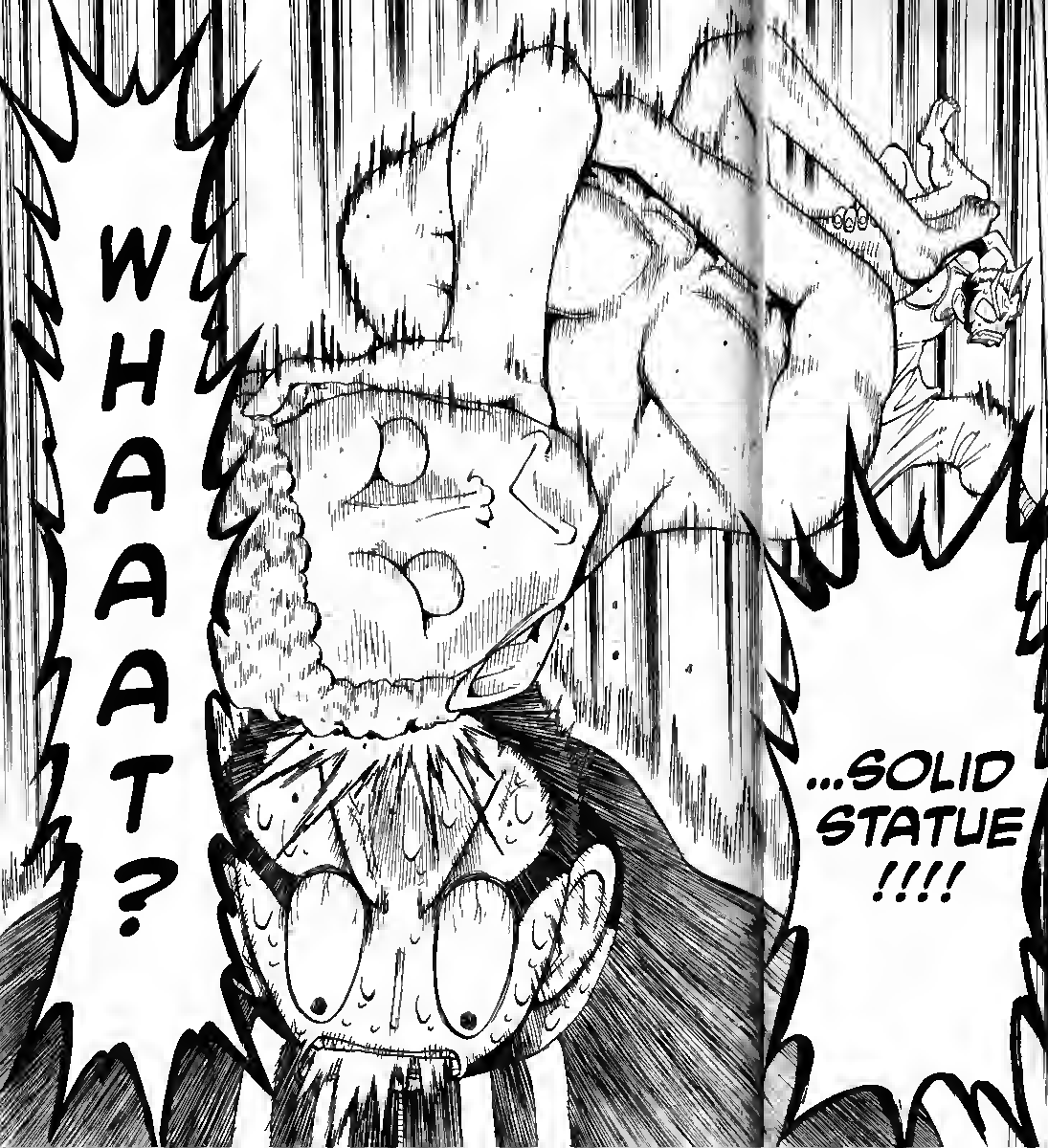

I'm a genius!
I JUST NEED TO FIND THAT LITTLE KID!!!
I CAN'T LET MYSELF GET DISTRACTED BY THE VOICES !!!


KEN-TARO !!!
ACHOO
HOW ABOUT HERE?
HOW ABOUT HERE?
HOW ABOUT HERE?
HOW ABOUT HERE?


?!
AHA!


!!!!
OVER THERE !!


THOSE WERE DRAWINGS, TOO!!
SHUUU
NO WAY !


WHAAAT?
...SOLID STATUE !!!!


WHAT ?
An "ARE" statue!!
SUZZ


HAVE A BITE OF...
AND I KNEW YOU'D TRY THAT !!!
RIP

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Defense Line









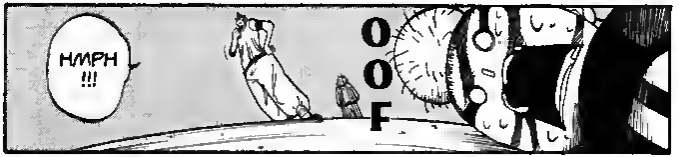


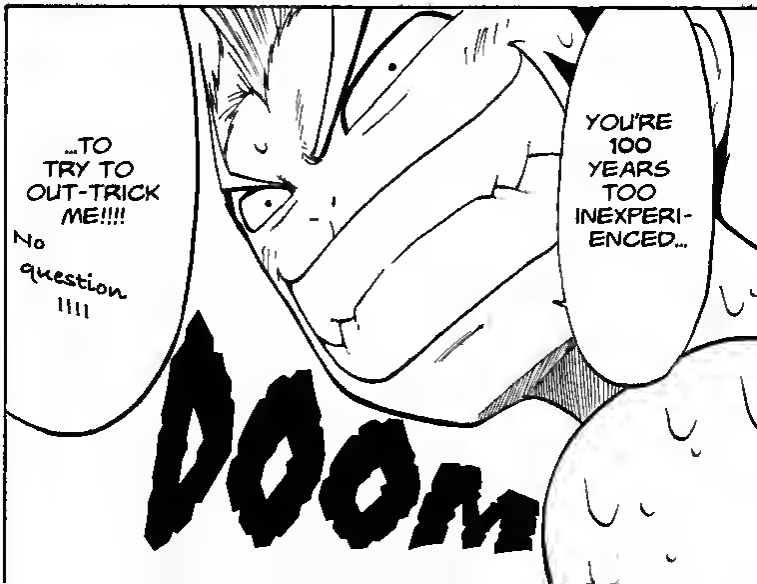













# Chapter 90
# Defense Line




EVEN IF HE AGREED TO JOIN US, HE MIGHT BETRAY US AND COME RUNNING BACK HERE.
SO THE HOME MUST BE DESTROYED!
YES, THAT'S MY OBJECTIVE !!!!
AS LONG AS THIS HOME STANDS, HIDEYOSHI WON'T AGREE TO ENTER THE SECOND ROUND.


THAT'S THE DEAL


WHAT A JERK !!!
IF I THREATEN TO KILL THEM, HE'LL HAVE TO LISTEN TO ME!!
ONCE THE BRATS ARE SEPARATED, HIDEYOSHI WON'T BE ABLE TO DEFEND THEM ALL


HIDEYOSHI IS WEAK.
HE AND KAPUSHO NEED TO TEAM UP TO MAKE ME KING
HA HA HA HA


..! NEED HIS POWER TO TURN VOICES INTO PORTRAITS TO IMPROVE MY POWER..THE POWER TO CHANGE MY VOICE INTO FREEZE GAS!!!
TO BECOME KING, ZACK HAS TO MAKE HIDEYOSHI ENTER THE SECOND ROUND!
AS FOR ME..

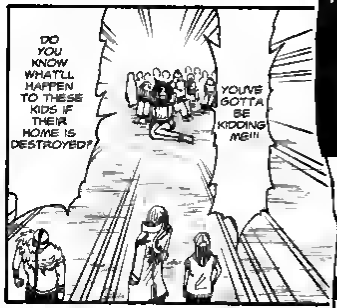



I THOUGHT UP A NAME FOR THIS OPERATION !!!
KAPUSHO!! MR ZACK !!

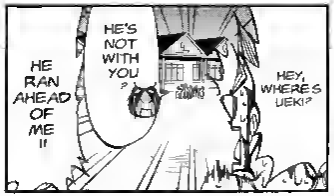

OPERATION "HYPER CRASH REVOLUTION IS DESTROYING THE HOUSE!"!
MARIO (THIRD YEAR)

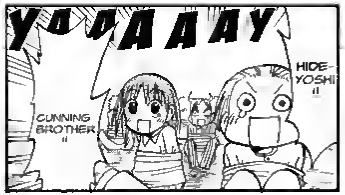

DON'T IGNORE ME!!
NOOO
WELL, LET'S GET TO IT.


THEY'LL BE SHIPPED OFF TO OTHER ORPHANAGES AND SEPARATED FOREVER!

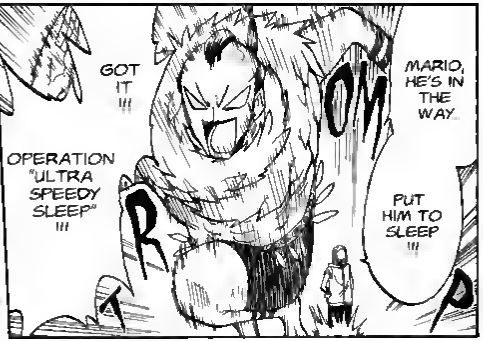

DO YOU KNOW WHAT'LL HAPPEN TO THESE KIDS IF THEIR HOME IS DESTROYED?
YOU'VE GOTTA BE KIDDING ME!!!


EVEN IF IT COSTS ME MY LIFE !!!!
I WON'T LET THEM LAY A FINGER ON THE HOUSE !!!!

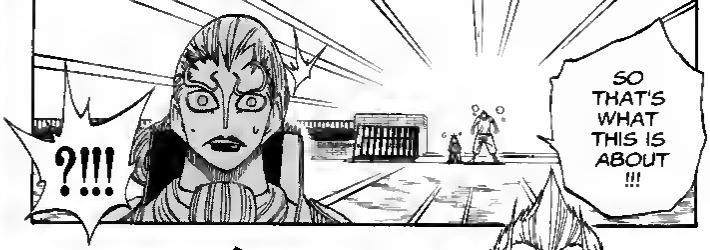

HE RAN AHEAD OF ME !!
HE'S NOT WITH YOU ?
HEY, WHERE'S UEKI?


YAAAAY
CUNNING BROTHER !!
HIDEYOSHI !!

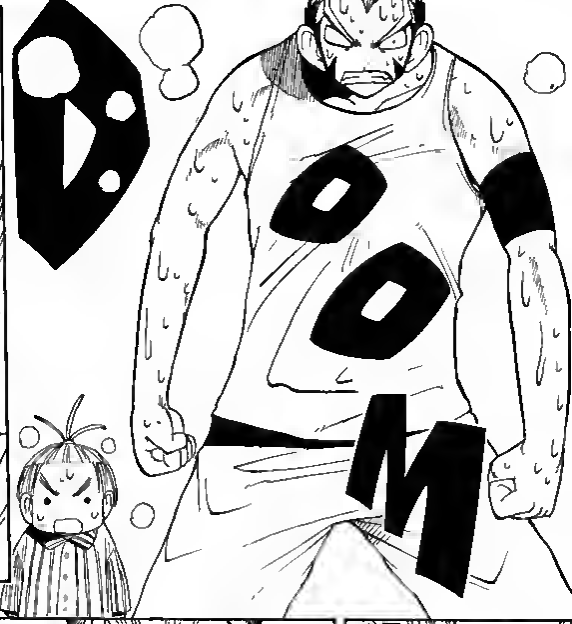

VOOO
!!!
OM
EEK !!!


GOT IT !!!
OPERATION "ULTRA SPEEDY SLEEP" !!!
MARIO, HE'S IN THE WAY.
PUT HIM TO SLEEP !!!
OM
R
P




?!!!
SO THAT'S WHAT THIS IS ABOUT !!!

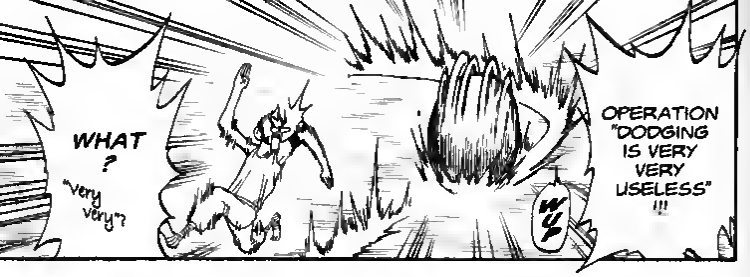

HOW DID HE GET HERE?
NIKO AND UGO SHOULD'VE STALLED HIM...
They couldn't have lost to him!

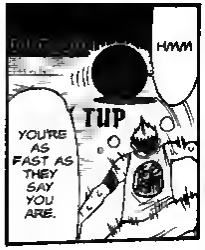

BOOM

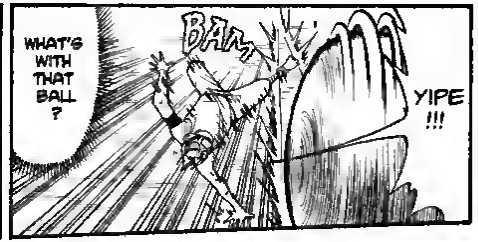

WATCH !


THIS IS ALL BECAUSE OF ME
I'M SORRY, GUYS.


YAAAY
BIG BROTHER HIDEYOSHI !!!


WHAT ?
"very very"?
OPERATION "DODGING IS VERY VERY USELESS" !!!
WU

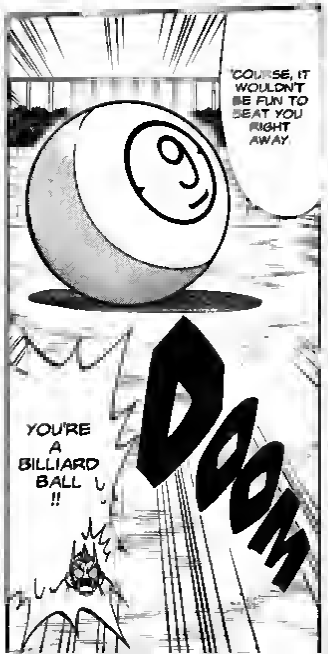

HMM
TUP
YOU'RE AS FAST AS THEY SAY YOU ARE.


WHAT'S WITH THAT BALL ?
BAM
YIPE !!!

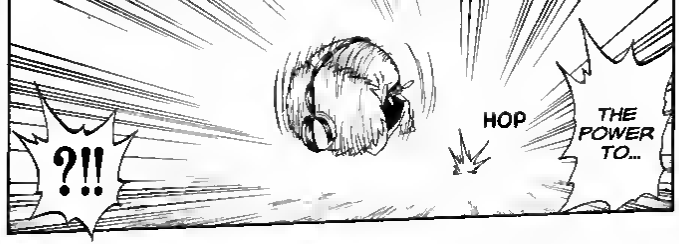

I'VE GOTTA THINK OF A WAY TO SAVE THE HOME !!!
UGH!! I DON'T HAVE TIME FOR THIS !!!


IT'S NOT A BILLIARD BALL !!!
IT'S THE SUPER DYNAMIC ELEGANT BALL !!!
GRRRR!!
NO YOU'RE DEFINITELY A BILLIARD BALL.

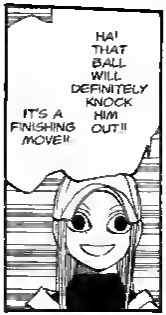

!
PING
HIDEYOSHI !!!
CUNNING BROTHER !!!


"COURSE, IT WOULDN'T BE FUN TO BEAT YOU RIGHT AWAY.
YOU'RE A BILLIARD BALL !!
DOOM



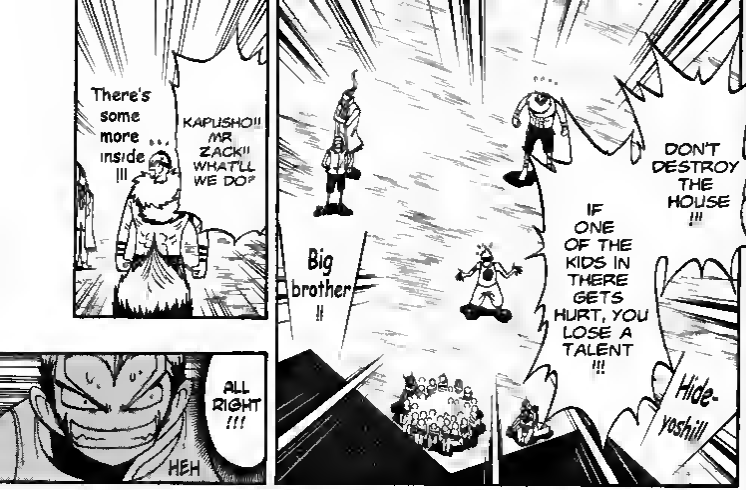

?!!
HOP
THE POWER TO...

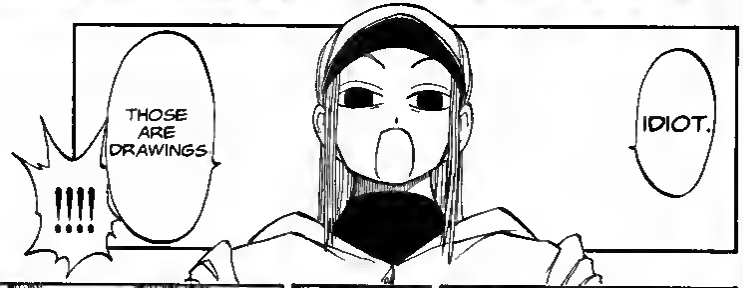

THOOOOOM
!!!!
What ?
...TURN MY BODY INTO A SUPER DYNAMIC ELEGANT BALL !!!!


IT'S A FINISHING MOVE!!
HA! THAT BALL WILL DEFINITELY KNOCK HIM OUT!!

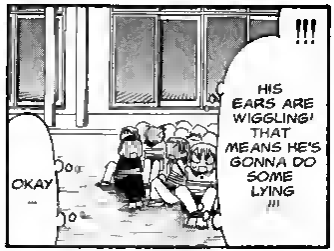

WHOA !!
WOOOOM


WHAT ?
WHAT IS THAT ?
"dynamite"?


There's some more inside !!!
KAPUSHO!! MR ZACK!! WHAT'LL WE DO?
DON'T DESTROY THE HOUSE !!!
IF ONE OF THE KIDS IN THERE GETS HURT, YOU LOSE A TALENT !!!
Big brother !!
Hide-yoshi!!
ALL RIGHT !!!
HEH


THOSE ARE DRAWINGS
!!!!
IDIOT.


IF I USE MY POWERS, I CAN STALL THEM UNTIL MORNING !!
THEN I'VE GOTTA STOP HIM BY FORCE !!!
THEY WON'T DESTROY THE HOUSE WITH WITNESSES AROUND...
UGH !!!
HE'S GOOD !!!
HE TURNED THEM INTO DRAWINGS AND PUT THEM IN THE HOUSE.
He can paste them anywhere within 10 meters.
THE KIDS SUDDENLY STARTED CALLING HIS NAME
Hide-yoshi!!
Big brother !!!
SHUUU


!!!
HIS EARS ARE WIGGLING! THAT MEANS HE'S GONNA DO SOME LYING !!!
OKAY ...


THP
GOT IT !!!
WINK
HUH ?
WUP WUP


ALL RIGHT !!!
GOOD WORK, YOU GUYS !!
HIDE-YOSHI !!
HIDE-YOSHI !!
BIG BROTHER !!


Hideyoshi! Big brother!
I'M THE TYPE WHO HEATS UP WHEN THERE'S CHEERING !!!
OPERATION "SIX OF ONE, HALF DOZEN OF THE OTHER" !!!
YOUR CHEER SQUAD WON'T HELP YOU

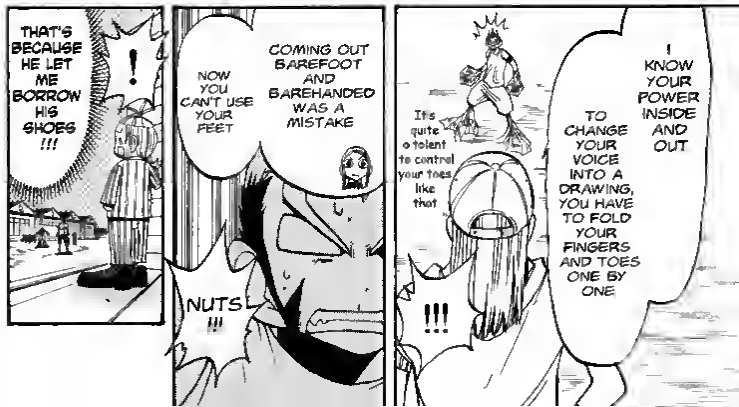

HEY!!! THERE ARE STILL KIDS IN THE HOUSE !!
NO WAY! WE GOT 'EM ALL !!!
WHAT ?
HIDE-YOSHI !!
BIG BROTHER !!!
HIDE-YOSHI !!


NO WAY!!! I CAN'T USE MY ABILITIES...
Super dynamic elegant ball !!!
GO TO SLEEP NOW !!!


ARRRRGH!!!
HUK
SLUK
TUP
BIG BROTHER HIDEYOSHI !!!


HYOOOO
AAAH
OOOO
THE POWER TO TURN MY VOICE INTO FREEZE GAS !!!

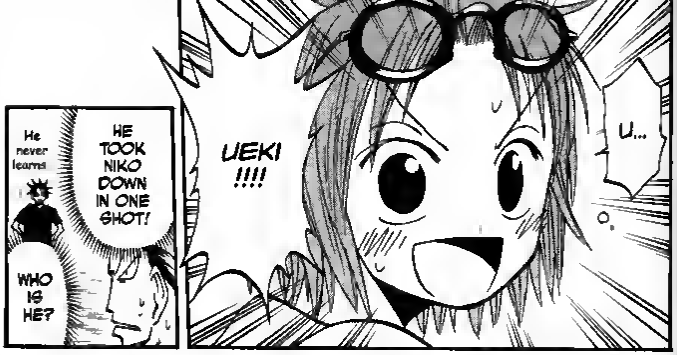

WHAT ?
!!!
AH

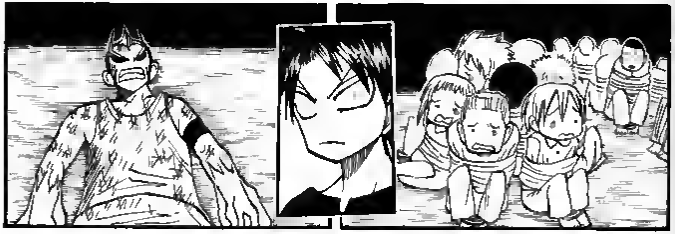

THAT'S BECAUSE HE LET ME BORROW HIS SHOES !!!
!
NOW YOU CAN'T USE YOUR FEET
COMING OUT BAREFOOT AND BAREHANDED WAS A MISTAKE
NUTS !!!
It's quite a talent to control your toes like that
!!!
I KNOW YOUR POWER INSIDE AND OUT
TO CHANGE YOUR VOICE INTO A DRAWING, YOU HAVE TO FOLD YOUR FINGERS AND TOES ONE BY ONE

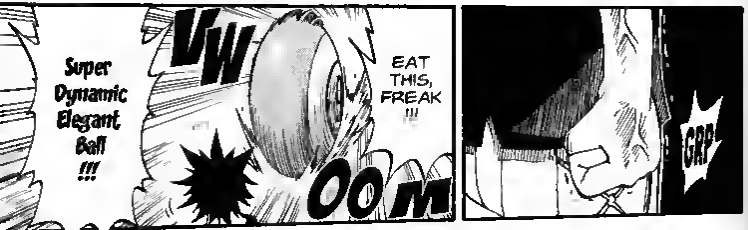

I have beautifully regained consciousness !!!
WWOOM
NIKO HAS BEAUTIFULLY RETURNED !!!!
!!!!
STILL CONSCIOUS? THEN I'LL FINISH YOU!! OPERATION...
WHAM
HUH ?
THREE OF THEM ?
TH...
PLEASE STOP !!!!
STOP
...I'LL DIG UNDER-GROUND TO BEAUTIFULLY DESTROY THE HOUSE FROM BELOW !!!
WHILE YOU'RE DEALING WITH HIDE-YOSHI...
?!!!
WWWW
WIP
NIKO! WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN DOING?
LET ME BEAUTI-FULLY REGAIN MY NAME!


HIDE-YOSHI !!!
HI...
HYOOO...
TWITCH
!!!
HIDE-YOSHI !!
BIG BROTHER !!
HIDE-YOSHI !!
NOBODY CAN STAND UP AFTER TAKING A DIRECT HIT FROM MARIO
HE'S KNOCKED OUT
COME ON... THERE'S JUST TWO OF THEM... I CAN STOP THEM WITH MY WILLPOWER !!!
THIS CAN'T BE HAPPENING !!!
I COULDN'T PROTECT THE HOUSE...
DANG ...
ARRGH
WHY CAN'T I MOVE? WHY?


I SAID, DON'T DIVE.
THOOM
URRRK!!!
WHAT?
AH!!!
WHAT THE-
WHAAAAT?


He never learns
HE TOOK NIKO DOWN IN ONE SHOT!
WHO IS HE?
UEKI !!!!
U...




Super Dynamic Elegant Ball !!!
EAT THIS, FREAK !!!
OOM
GRR


I SAID IT'S THE SUPER DYNAMIC ELEGANT BALL !!!
!!!
THAT'S ONE BIG BILLIARD BALL.

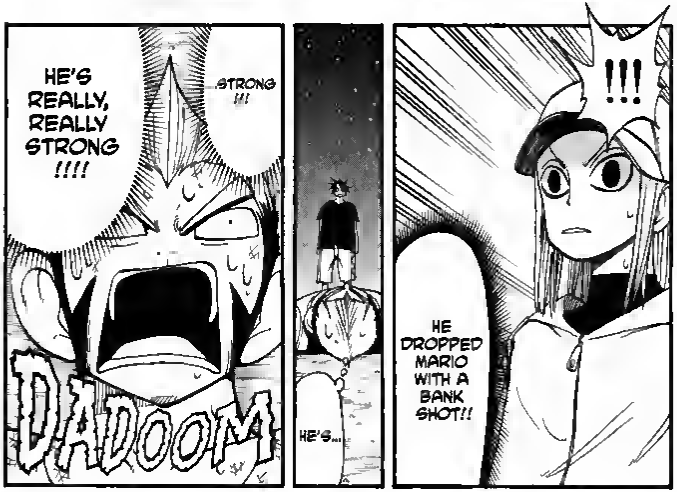

BAM


WAK WAK
ARRRRGH!!!
THE HOLE NIKO CAME OUT OF
TH
!!! OOP
WMP
UGH.. UH..
THUD
OOOOF!!!
Cue stick !!!!!
9

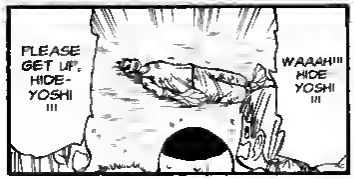


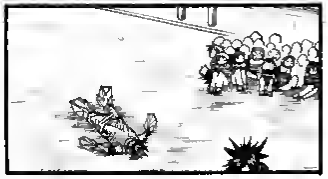
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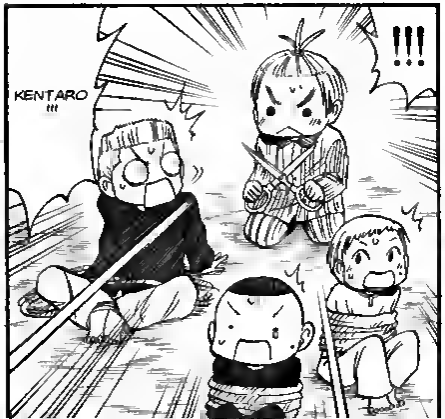


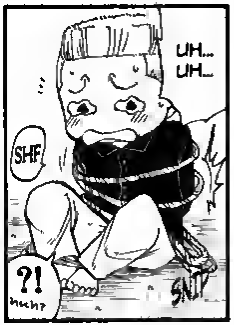




I'M NOT GOING TO FORGIVE YOU !!!!
I DON'T KNOW WHY YOU DO STUFF LIKE THIS...
...BUT IT WASN'T COOL TO GET INNOCENT KIDS INVOLVED.


PLEASE GET UP, HIDE-YOSHI !!!
WAAAH!!! HIDE YOSHI !!!

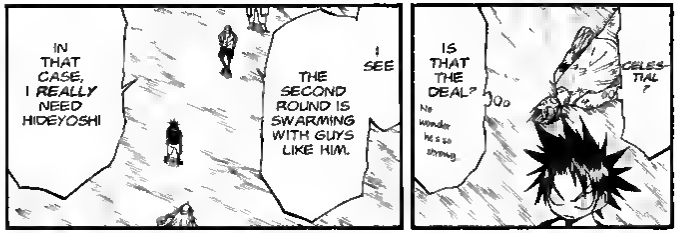


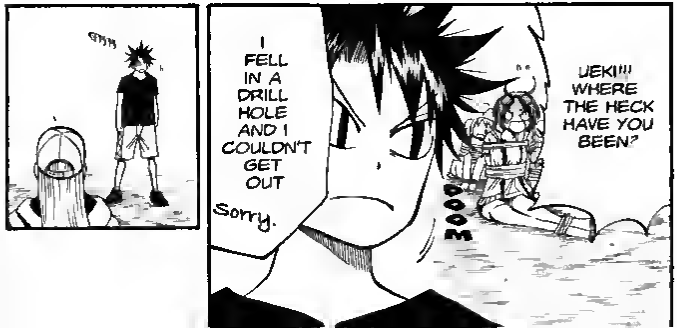

KENTARO !!!
!!!

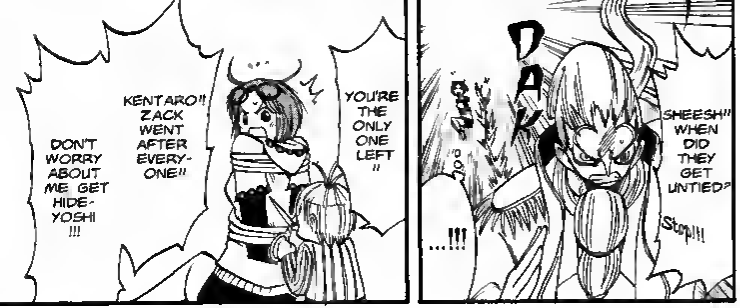

UH... UH...
SHF
?!
SNIF

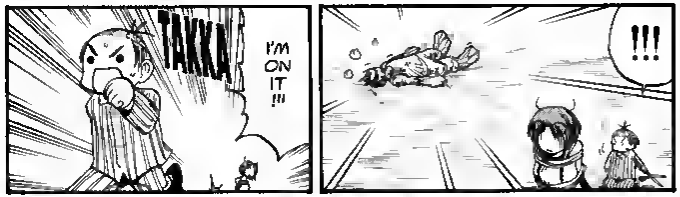

WHO IS THIS GUY?
HE TOOK DOWN NIKO AND MARIO IN ONE STRIKE !!!


I DIDN'T THINK IT WAS TRUE
IT WAS RUMORED THAT A CELESTIAL CHILD WAS DROPPED INTO THE HUMAN WORLD, OVER TEN YEARS AGO
HE USED SACRED WEAPONS I'M SURE OF IT!
?!
HE'S A CELES-TIAL

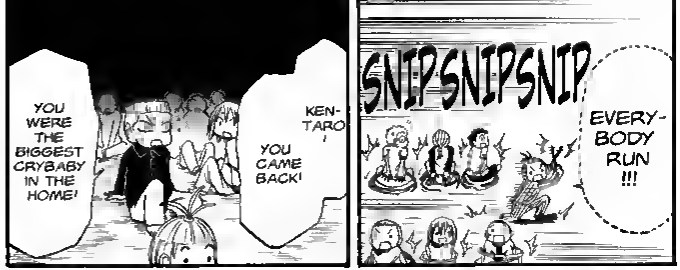

IN THAT CASE, I REALLY NEED HIDEYOSHI
I SEE
THE SECOND ROUND IS SWARMING WITH GUYS LIKE HIM.
IS THAT THE DEAL?
No wonder he's so strong.
CELES-TIAL

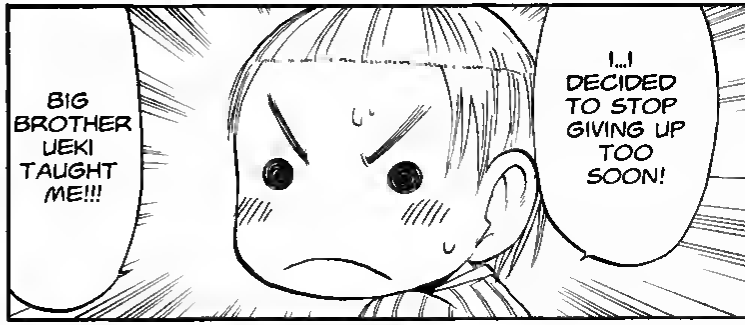

Ohhh
I FELL IN A DRILL HOLE AND I COULDN'T GET OUT
Sorry.
UEKI!!! WHERE THE HECK HAVE YOU BEEN?
BOOO


KENTARO!! ZACK WENT AFTER EVERY-ONE!!
DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME GET HIDE-YOSHI !!!
YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE LEFT !!
DA
...!!!
SHEESH!! WHEN DID THEY GET UNTIED?
Stop!!!

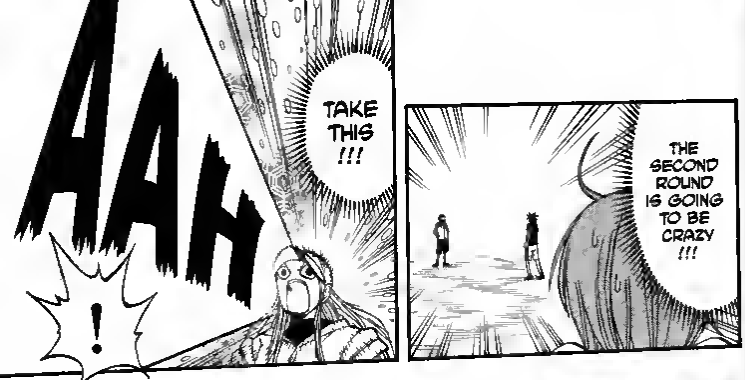

TAKKA
I'M ON IT !!!
!!!


The power to change my voice into frozen ice !!!
HY...OOO
VOOO
SHHK
!!!!
ZHK
VOOM
YOU'RE THE LAST ONE !!
TAKE THIS! Kurogane !!!!
TAKE THAT !!!
FREEZING WON'T STOP IT !!!

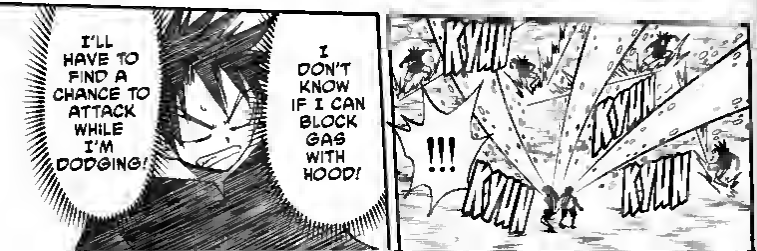

YOU WERE THE BIGGEST CRYBABY IN THE HOME!
KEN-TARO !
YOU CAME BACK!
SNIPSNIPSNIP
EVERY-BODY RUN !!!


BIG BROTHER UEKI TAUGHT ME!!!
!...I DECIDED TO STOP GIVING UP TOO SOON!


INTO THE HOUSE OF THE SUN, EVERY-BODY !!!
WAAAA
AAAAAH
WE'LL FIGHT, TOO !!!
Huh?
!!!
...WE CAN'T JUST SIT AROUND !!
YEAH !!
IF EVEN KENTARO IS PUTTING UP A FIGHT...

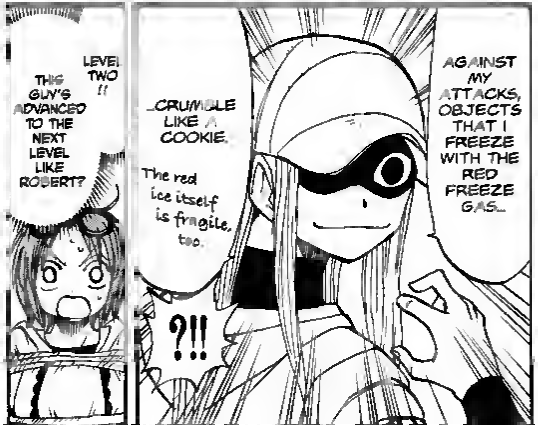

AAH
!
TAKE THIS !!!
THE SECOND ROUND IS GOING TO BE CRAZY !!!

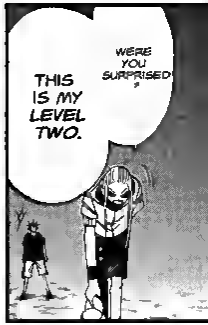

Raika !!!
UGH ..


I'LL HAVE TO FIND A CHANCE TO ATTACK WHILE I'M DODGING!
I DON'T KNOW IF I CAN BLOCK GAS WITH HOOD!
!!!


CHK
KASHING


KUROGANE SHATTERED LIKE THIN ICE!! And he barely touched it!!
!!!
WH... WHAT?

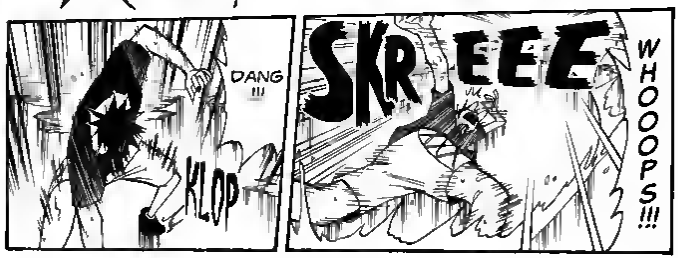

THIS GUY'S ADVANCED TO THE NEXT LEVEL LIKE ROBERT?
LEVEL TWO !!
...CRUMBLE LIKE A COOKIE.
The red ice itself is fragile, too.
?!!
AGAINST MY ATTACKS, OBJECTS THAT I FREEZE WITH THE RED FREEZE GAS...


THIS IS MY LEVEL TWO.
WERE YOU SURPRISED?

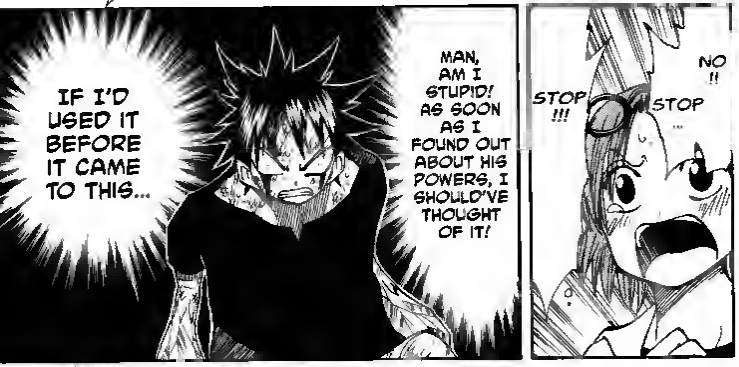

SHING
SHING
ARGH !!!
SHING
SHINK
HY
000
!!!
Four repeated freeze gas shots !!!
C...CRUD !!!
FROM THIS CLOSE RANGE, I CAN FREEZE YOU FROM HEAD TO TOE!
THIS BATTLE IS OVER!
BUT...
BUT WITH HIDEYOSHI'S POWERS, I'LL BE ABLE TO CREATE FREEZE GAS FROM ANYWHERE!
MY POWERS AREN'T TOO SHABBY, HUH?
WHEN THAT HAPPENS, I'LL BE INVINCIBLE !!
UGH !!!
IT SEEMS YOU CAN'T USE YOUR SACRED WEAPONS WITHOUT YOUR HANDS
I worked it out while watching your attacks
Zk
Zk
Zk
!


Byo
0000
AAAAH
HAVE A TASTE OF THIS !!!


KAS
HK
SLIP
!!!
!!!
THE GROUND !!!


DANG !!!
KLOP
SKREEE
WHOOOPS!!!

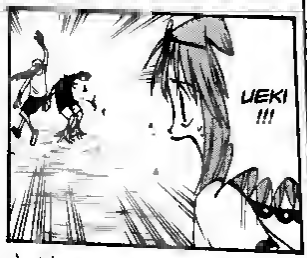

I'LL FREEZE YOU WITH RED GAS AND SHATTER YOU!!!
YOU'LL DIE RIGHT HERE, RIGHT NOW!
Better reduce the competition for the second round
!!!
..TO FINISH YOU OFF
NOW -
OOOO
OOOO


IF I'D USED IT BEFORE IT CAME TO THIS...
MAN, AM I STUPID! AS SOON AS I FOUND OUT ABOUT HIS POWERS, I SHOULD'VE THOUGHT OF IT!
STOP !!!
NO !!
STOP ...


NUTS !!!
DANG! I CAN'T DO ANY-THING!!! I HAVE TO PROTECT THE KIDS' HOME!!
HY
IT'S OVER...
IT'S OVER!!! DIE!!!
OO
OO


OOH
BEFORE I FINISH YOU OFF, LET ME OFFER MY PERSONAL THANKS FOR INTERFERING WITH MY PLANS!!!
...THAT WOULDN'T GIVE ME SATIS-FACTION!


KOFF


UEKI !!!


THUK
!!!


THUD

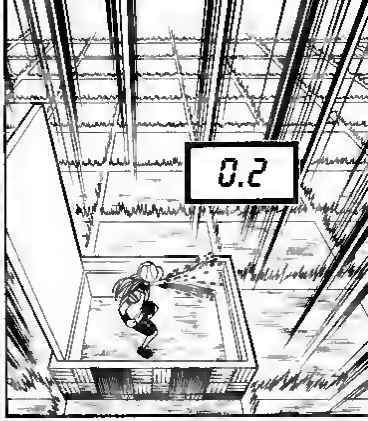

!!!
POW
WHAM
BAM
WHAK
!!!

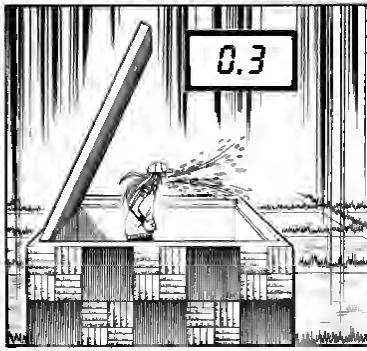

I'LL WHACK YOU FROM BEHIND AND KNOCK YOU OUT COLD!!!
Then I'll take off my underwear and stuff it in your mouth!!!
DAK
WHAT ?
YOU CAN'T TURN AROUND. YOUR BACK IS WIDE OPEN !!!
I TURNED IT BACK INTO VOICE AT THE MOMENT YOU USED YOUR POWER, SO IT TURNED INTO FREEZE GAS, TOO!!!
I CHANGED YOUR VOICE INTO A DRAWING ON UEKI'S STOMACH!
IT'S THE SAME COLOR AS HIS SHIRT, SO YOU COULDN'T SEE IT!
FREEZE GAS IS FLYING FROM HIS GUT!!
HYOOO
THOOM
IT'S OVER
HUH ?
WHAT THE...
WHAT JUST HAPPENED ?
A DRAW ?
!!!
SHINK
HEY!!! THE ICE MELTED !!
SPLISH
Reset !!!!
ARRGH ...
THIS ISN'T THE END !!!
OH, I DON'T THINK SO
Huh ?
BUT HIS ATTACKS DON'T WORK ON ME!! SO I STILL WIN!!!
OF COURSE, HIS ICE MELTED, TOO.
NO WAY !!!
YOUR PLAN FAILED!!! WHEN I SAY "RESET," ALL OF MY ICE MELTS!!
HIDE-YOSHI !
Kentaro broke the ice on my hands and feet!!
WAAH
YOU LOSE, KAPUSHO!
HIDEYOSHI! WHEN DID YOU GET OUT?
HEH !

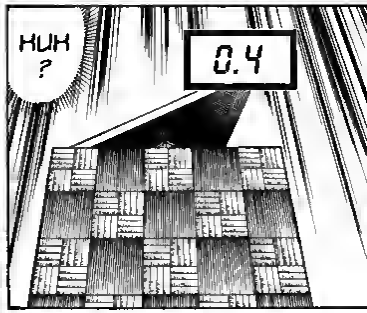

WHAT ...
...IS THIS ?
OKAY, ONE WARNING. YOU'D BETTER NOT USE THAT FREEZE GAS.
IF YOU DO, YOU'LL LOSE IN HALF A SECOND.
?!
HMPH!! YOU CAN'T FOOL ME !!!
ANY ATTACK IS USELESS AGAINST RED FREEZE GAS !!!
0.1


Seven-Star Sacred Weapon Gulliver !!!
DOOM


ARRRRRGH!!!
The freeze gas is filling the room !!!
0.5


0.2


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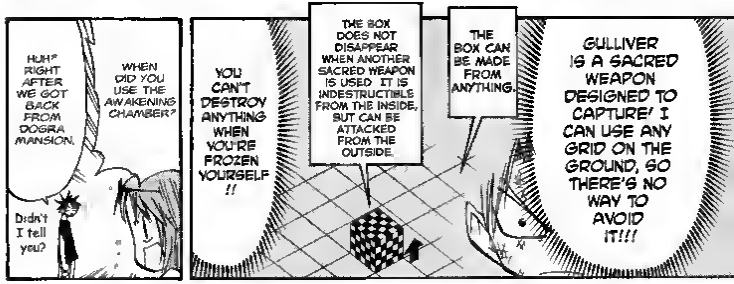

HUH ?
0.4



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# Hideyoshi's Past

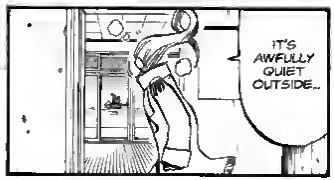


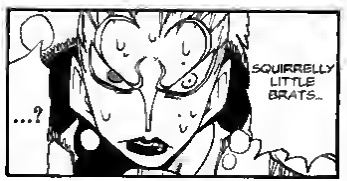





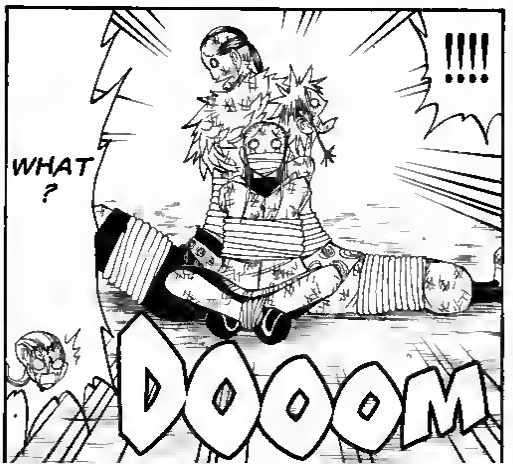


ARRRGH
WAAAAH!!!
RUN!!!
STOP !!!

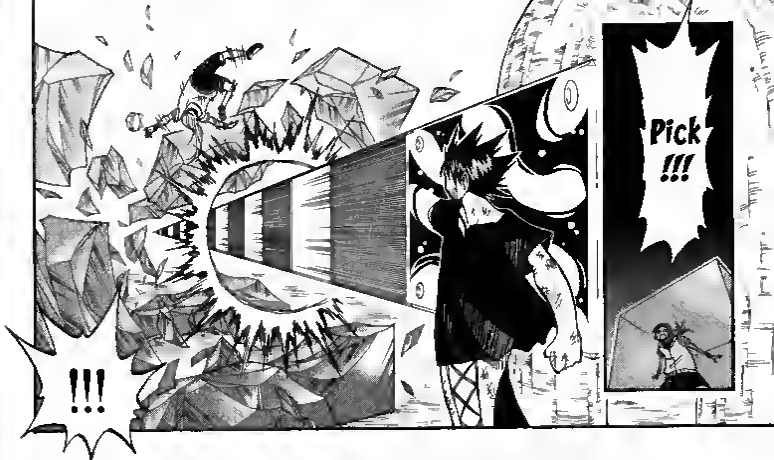

IT'S AWFULLY QUIET OUTSIDE...


...?
SQUIRRELLY LITTLE BRATS...


THERE YOU ARE!!


!!!!
WHAT ?
DOOOM




!!!
Pick !!!

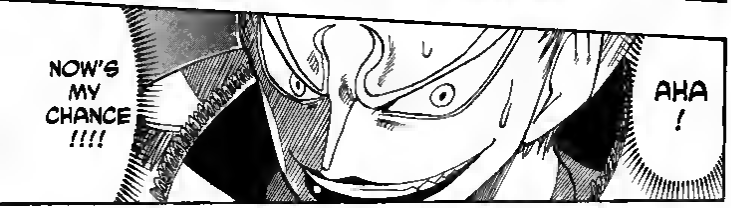

IDIOT !
It's level two ice! He'll be shattered!
SHRRF
UEKI!! YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO GO THAT FAR!

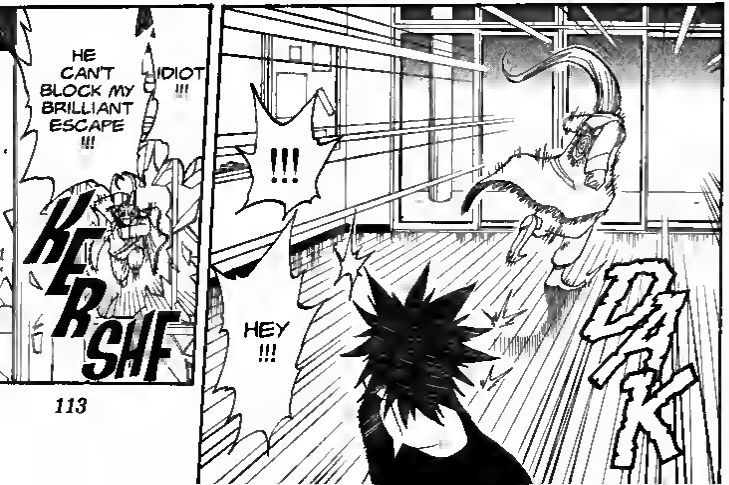

Now you've done it !!!
ARRGH !!!


WE'RE DOWN TO ZACK!
OKAY !


UEKI SAVED HIM!
The ice is only fragile against his attack so it stayed frozen!
IF HE WAS LEFT FROZEN LIKE THAT, HE'D DIE FOR REAL!


YEAH, HE'S HERE !!!
I'VE GOT HIM !!
TUP
!
UEKI!!! DID YOU FIND ZACK?


NOW'S MY CHANCE !!!!
AHA !

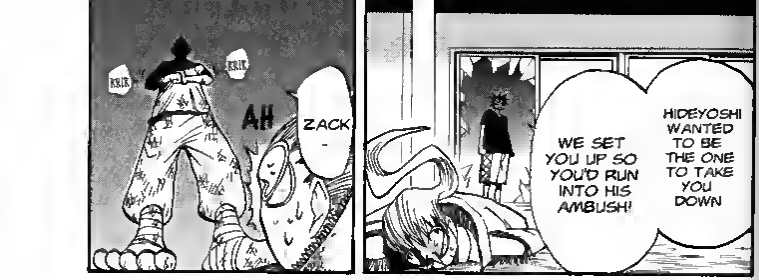

HE CAN'T BLOCK MY BRILLIANT ESCAPE !!!
IDIOT !!!
KER SHF
!!!
HEY !!!
DARK




OH...
...CRUD !!!


YOU CAN'T DESTROY THE HOUSE OF THE SUN!!!
...THE KING CANDIDATES HAVE A RULE AGAINST DESTROYING HUMAN PROPERTY WITH THEIR SACRED WEAPONS!!
HIDE-YOSHI TOLD ME...


GAH...
TAKE YOUR PICK !!!
...OR YOU CAN LET ME KICK YOUR BUTT!
YOU CAN HARM ME AND FALL INTO THE UNDER-WORLD...


AH
ZACK
WE SET YOU UP SO YOU'D RUN INTO HIS AMBUSH!
HIDEYOSHI WANTED TO BE THE ONE TO TAKE YOU DOWN


AND SWEAR THAT YOU'LL LEAVE THE CITY !!!!
NEVER BOTHER THESE KIDS AGAIN !!!!
!!!!


YEEEK !!!
THIS IS IT !!!
EAT MY SHORTS !!!


NO WAY !!!
WHAT ?

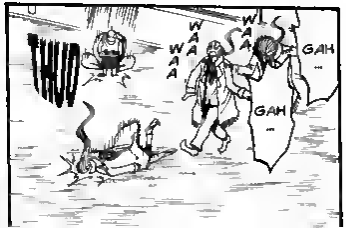

I PROMISE !!!
PLEASE FORGIVE ME!!

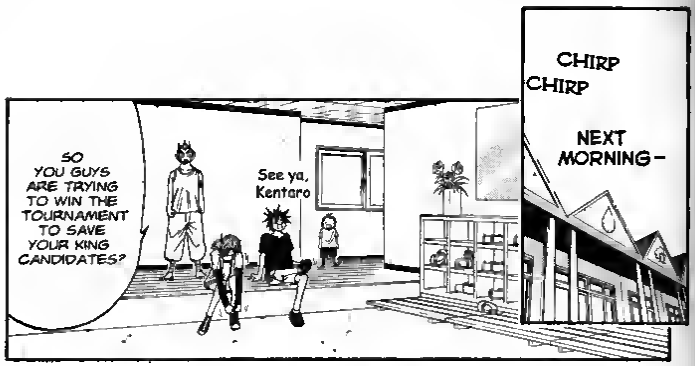

GWE GWE
BOOM
Underpants

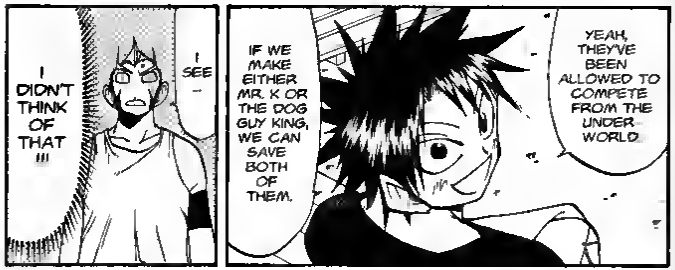

HA HA HA !!!


CLAW
YOU FELL FOR IT !!!!
?!!!!
G


Did you find him?
SHUUJI
THAT VOICE WAS...A DRAWING...

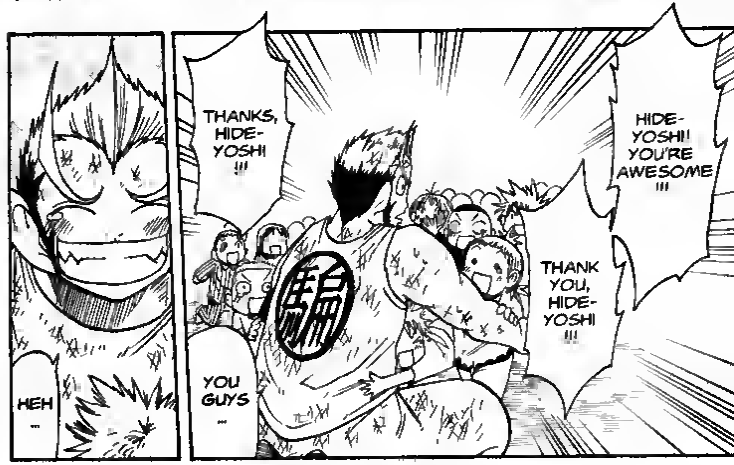

THUD
WAA
WAA
WAA
GAH
GAH


CHIRP CHIRP
NEXT MORNING-
SO YOU GUYS ARE TRYING TO WIN THE TOURNAMENT TO SAVE YOUR KING CANDIDATES?
See ya, Kentaro


I SEE ..
I DIDN'T THINK OF THAT !!!
IF WE MAKE EITHER MR. K OR THE DOG GUY KING, WE CAN SAVE BOTH OF THEM.
YEAH, THEY'VE BEEN ALLOWED TO COMPETE FROM THE UNDER WORLD.

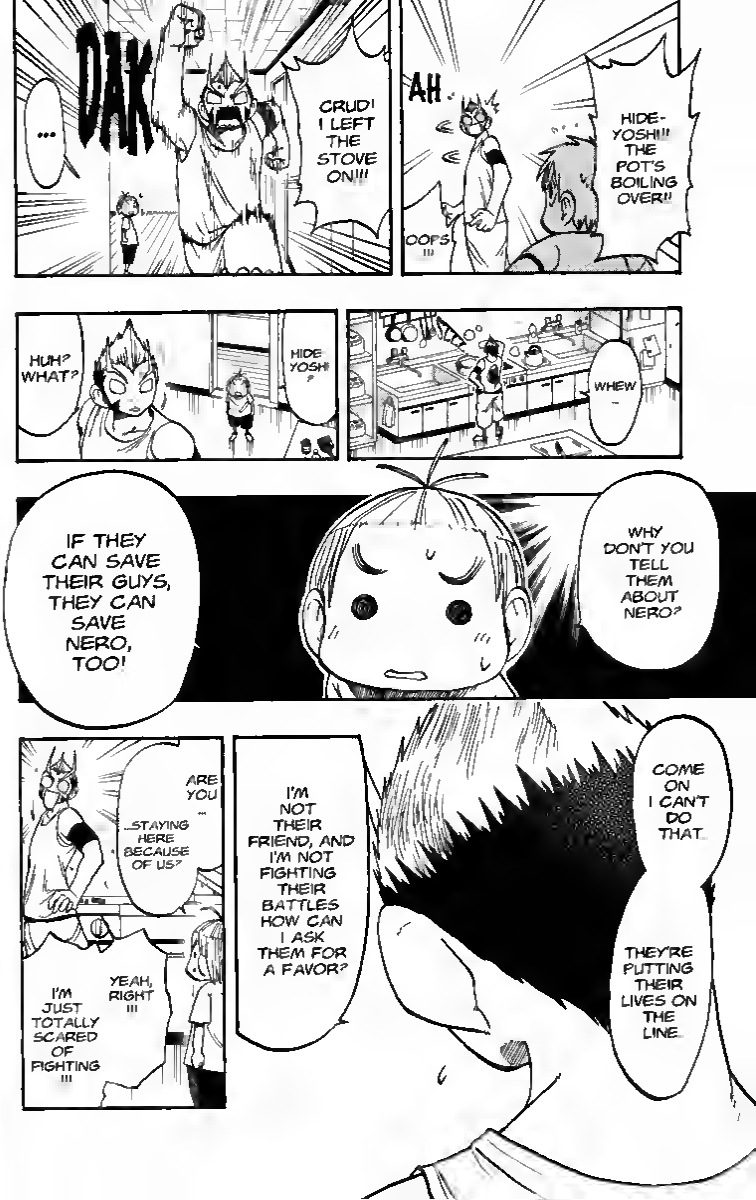

...
SO WE'VE GOT TO SAVE THEM!
MR. K AND INUMARU SAVED OUR LIVES.
AND MR. K WAS THE GUY WHO TAUGHT ME JUSTICE!


WAAAAAAH
HUH ?
HIDE-YOSHI !!!

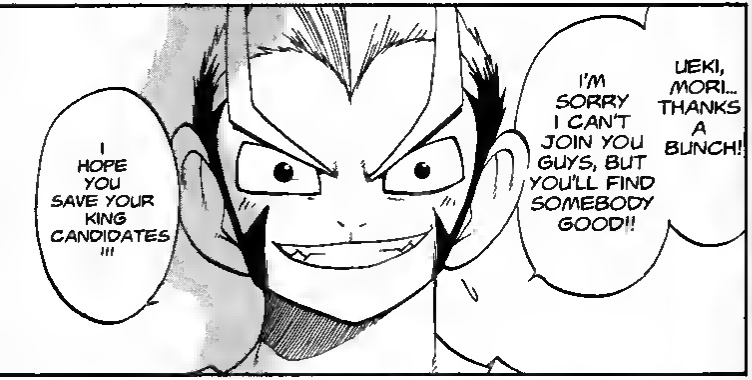

HEH ..
THANKS, HIDE-YOSHI !!!
YOU GUYS ..
HIDE-YOSHI! YOU'RE AWESOME !!!
THANK YOU, HIDE-YOSHI !!!


THANKS...
IT'S ALL BECAUSE OF YOU..
UEKI ...


...
TOK TOK
I'M GOING TO SEE THEM OFF AT THE STATION !!!
SEE YA, KENTARO
YEAH !
WHAT? YOU'LL TAKE A POWER FROM ME?
NERO ..
...I'LL HELP YOU OUT !!!
IF YOU CAN'T STAY IN THIS WORLD UNLESS YOU GIVE SOMEONE A POWER...
YOU CAME TO THE HUMAN WORLD TO HELP PEOPLE, RIGHT?
FROM NOW ON, YOU TAKE CARE OF THE HOUSE OF THE SUN
I'M COUNTING ON YOU HIDEYOSHI
NERO !!!
WHY DID YOU HELP ME BEAT THAT GUY?
THUD !!!


...
DAK
CRUD! I LEFT THE STOVE ON!!!
AH
OOPS! !!!
HIDE-YOSHI!!! THE POT'S BOILING OVER!!
HUH? WHAT?
HIDE YOSHI ?
WHEW ..
IF THEY CAN SAVE THEIR GUYS, THEY CAN SAVE NERO, TOO!
WHY DON'T YOU TELL THEM ABOUT NERO?
ARE YOU .. ...STAYING HERE BECAUSE OF US?
YEAH, RIGHT !!!
I'M JUST TOTALLY SCARED OF FIGHTING !!!
I'M NOT THEIR FRIEND, AND I'M NOT FIGHTING THEIR BATTLES HOW CAN I ASK THEM FOR A FAVOR?
COME ON I CAN'T DO THAT.
THEY'RE PUTTING THEIR LIVES ON THE LINE.


NAH. I'D BETTER GO HOME AND CHECK ON THE KIDS.
WE'LL EAT HERE BEFORE THE TRAIN ARRIVES WANT TO JOIN US?
OKAY
MORIKU STATION


I HOPE YOU SAVE YOUR KING CANDIDATES !!!
I'M SORRY I CAN'T JOIN YOU GUYS, BUT YOU'LL FIND SOMEBODY GOOD!!
UEKI, MORI... THANKS A BUNCH!


I'M SORRY, NERO !!!
I CAN'T LEAVE THE KIDS ALONE...


LATER !!!
Bye !!!


YEAH !

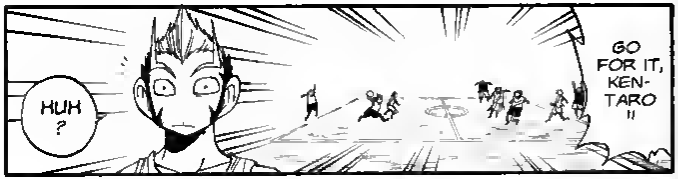

NERO WHY...
WHY ?
HEH
IT WAS FUN WHILE IT LASTED.

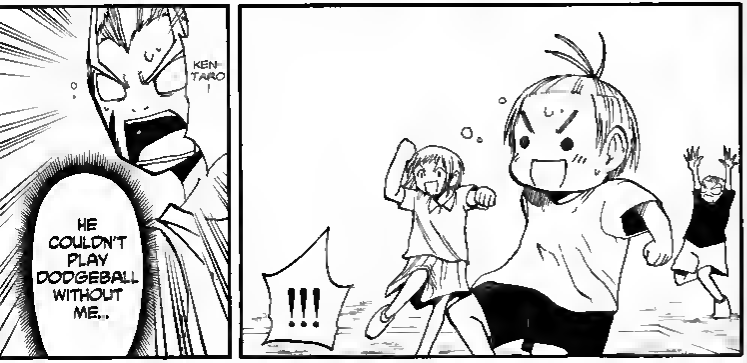

...
Hello!
I'M YOUR NEW KING CANDIDATE, ZACK.
NICE TO MEET YOU

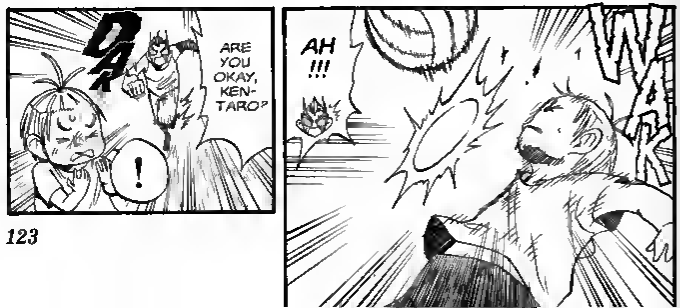

TELL ME, NERO !!!
WHAT WOULD YOU DO IN MY SHOES?


BUT I CAN'T LEAVE THE KIDS. I PROMISED NERO!
IT'S TRUE..IF I JOIN UEKI, I MIGHT BE ABLE TO SAVE NERO.


THEY'RE ALL SO... PROACTIVE!
Huh?
?
WHAT'S GOING ON TODAY?

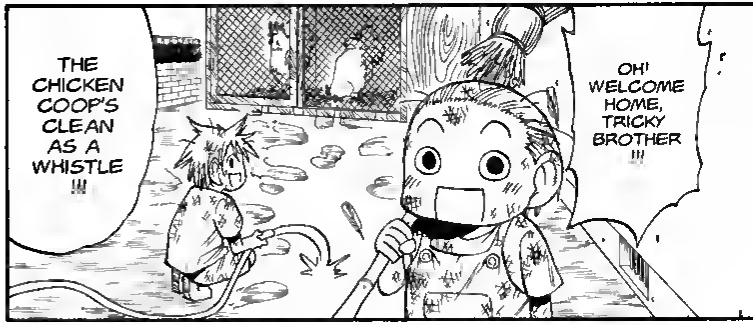

HUH ?
GO FOR IT, KEN-TARO !!

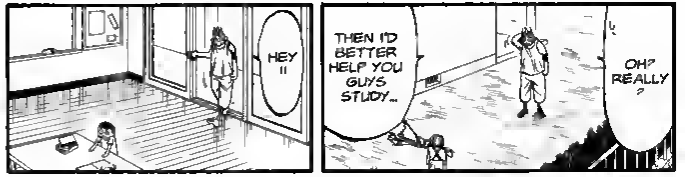

KEN-TARO !
HE COULDN'T PLAY DODGEBALL WITHOUT ME..
!!!

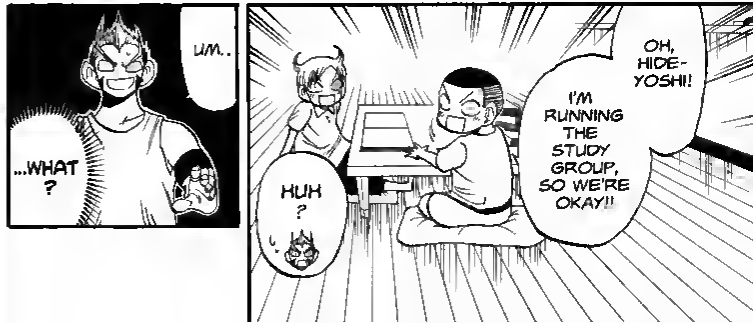

ARE YOU OKAY, KEN-TARO?
!
AH !!!

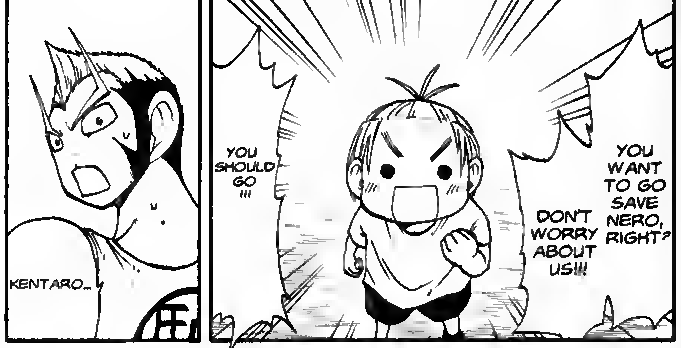


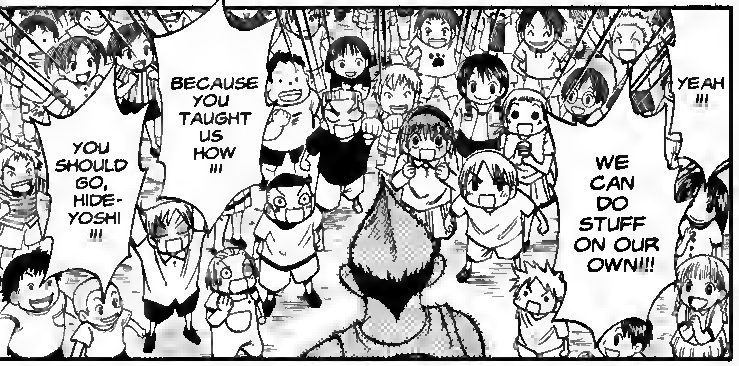

TIME TO CLEAN THE CHICKEN COOP !!!
..EVERY-BODY OVER HERE !!!
NOW...
THE HOUSE OF THE SUN

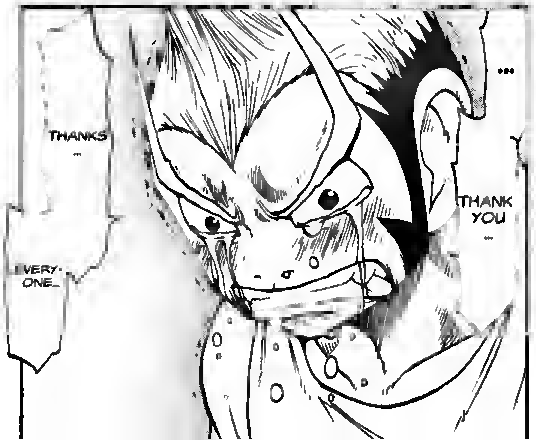

THE CHICKEN COOP'S CLEAN AS A WHISTLE !!!
OH! WELCOME HOME, TRICKY BROTHER !!


HEY !!
THEN I'D BETTER HELP YOU GUYS STUDY..
OH? REALLY ?

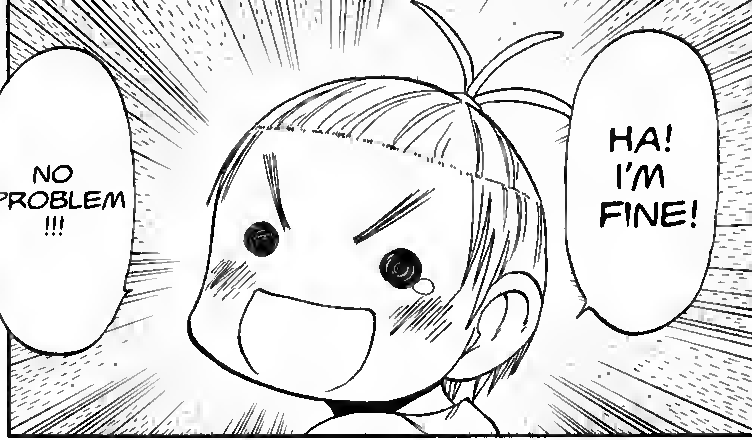

UM..
...WHAT ?
OH, HIDE-YOSHI!
I'M RUNNING THE STUDY GROUP, SO WE'RE OKAY!!
HUH ?


KENTARO...
YOU SHOULD GO !!!
DON'T WORRY ABOUT US!!!
YOU WANT TO GO SAVE NERO, RIGHT?


YOU SHOULD GO, HIDE-YOSHI !!!
BECAUSE YOU TAUGHT US HOW !!!
WE CAN DO STUFF ON OUR OWN!!!
YEAH !!!

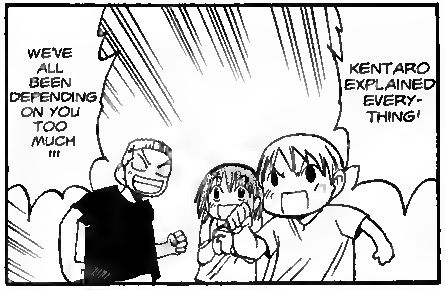

THANKS ...
EVERY-ONE...
...
THANK YOU ...


...!!!
YOU GUYS ...


NO PROBLEM !!!
HA! I'M FINE!

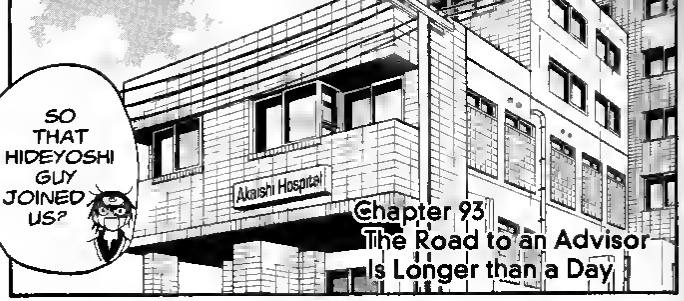

WHAT'S GOING ON?
WHAT'S UP WITH EVERY-ONE?


Whoa.
!!!


WE'VE ALL BEEN DEPENDING ON YOU TOO MUCH !!!
KENTARO EXPLAINED EVERY-THING!


WHAT ?


HIDE-YOSHI !!!
!!!
Huh?




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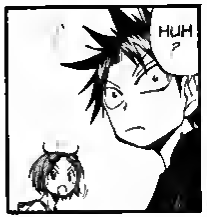
















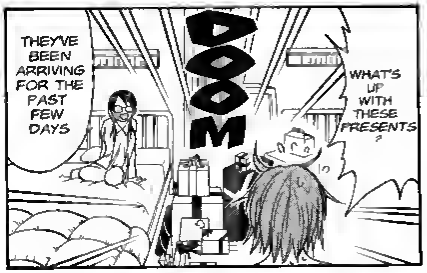









...SO I'D BETTER TELL YOTCHAN ABOUT THAT.
I'LL BE FIGHTING FOR MR. K AND THE DOG GUY...


THEY'VE BEEN ARRIVING FOR THE PAST FEW DAYS
DOOM
WHAT'S UP WITH THESE PRESENTS?

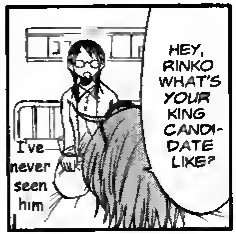

NO WAY...
...


THEY MUST BE CURIOUS BY NOW!!
WHO IS THIS "STRONG ALLY"?
OOF!!!


HEH HEH HEH...

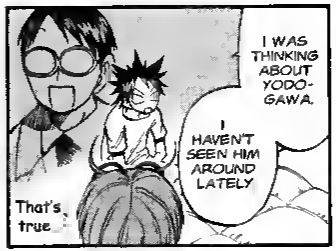

THE NOTES JUST SAY, "YOUR STRONG ALLY."
From your strong ally
STRONG ALLY?

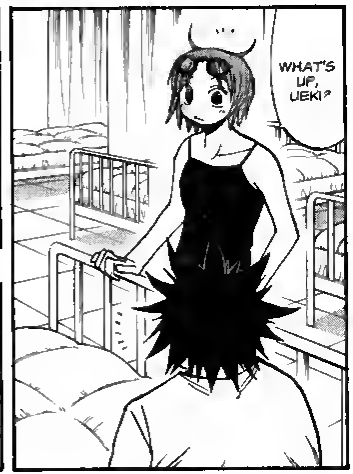

HAAAAA
I ONLY SAW HIM ONCE, WHEN HE GAVE ME MY POWER
Cute name, though
HE WAS MARGARET'S GOON FROM THE START. HE JOINED THE BATTLE JUST TO GIVE ROBERT ANOTHER CHAMPION
HE'S CALLED MIKE


HEY, RINKO. WHAT'S YOUR KING CANDIDATE LIKE?
I've never seen him

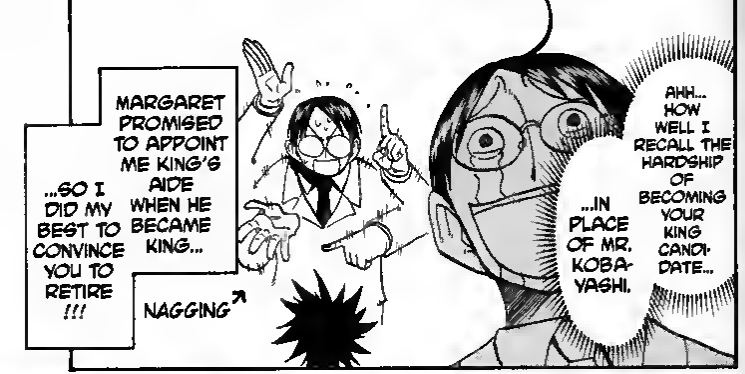


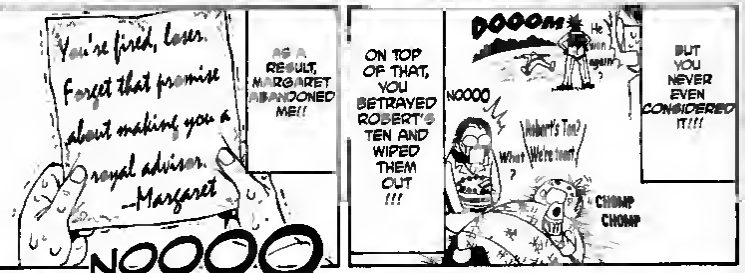

I'M FIGHTING FOR INUMARU AND MR. K!!!
I DON'T PLAN TO LET MIKE BECOME KING!!!


I WAS THINKING ABOUT YODOGAWA.
I HAVEN'T SEEN HIM AROUND LATELY
That's true


WHAT'S UP, UEKI?


WHEN I JOINED YOU, YOU FOUND OUT THAT HE WAS ONE OF MARGARET'S GOONS.
HE'LL PROBABLY NEVER SHOW HIS FACE AGAIN
Maybe...



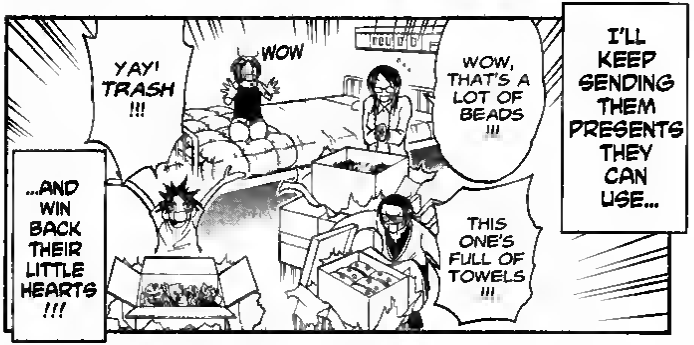


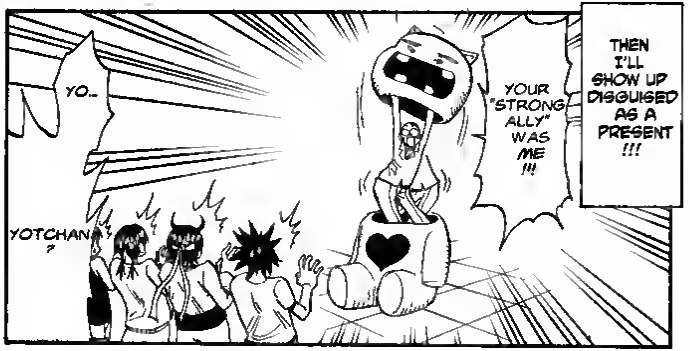





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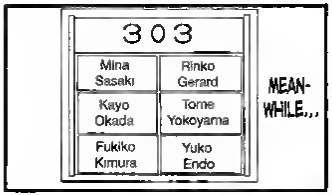

HENCE MY BRILLIANT IDEA !!!!
Kill
Kill
Kill
How dare you show up here?
THEY WON'T FORGIVE ME SO EASILY!
KRIK KRIK
BUT RINKO'S PROBABLY SPILLED THE BEANS...


YAY! TRASH !!!
WOW
WOW, THAT'S A LOT OF BEADS !!!
I'LL KEEP SENDING THEM PRESENTS THEY CAN USE...
...AND WIN BACK THEIR LITTLE HEARTS !!!
THIS ONE'S FULL OF TOWELS !!!

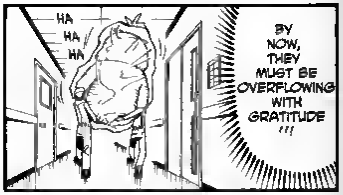

YO..
YOTCHAN?
YOUR "STRONG ALLY" WAS ME !!!
THEN I'LL SHOW UP DISGUISED AS A PRESENT !!!




I'LL GET BACK IN THEIR GOOD GRACES WITH NO TROUBLE AT ALL !!!
SHING
WE LOVE YOU, YOTCHAN !!!
It's all right !!!
WE'VE MISUNDERSTOOD YOU!!!
YOU DID ALL THAT FOR US?


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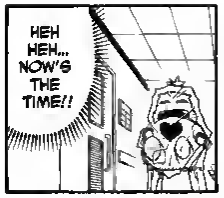
MEAN-WHILE...,


HA HA HA
BY NOW, THEY MUST BE OVERFLOWING WITH GRATITUDE !!!


WE CAN'T JUST SIT AROUND DOING NOTHING
HEY, WE'VE STILL GOT TWO WEEKS UNTIL THE SECOND ROUND
But it's not like I can train in the hospital...
SIGH

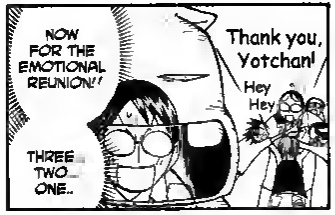

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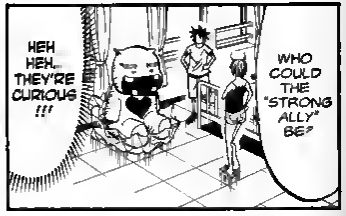

WHO'S THIS "STRONG ALLY"?
I CAN'T THINK OF ANYONE...
DON'T OPEN THEM. IT'S TOO CREEPY.
ONE OF THE BOXES KINDA STINKS, TOO


HEH HEH... NOW'S THE TIME!!


THERE COULD EVEN BE SOMEONE WITH THE POWER TO TURN SOMETHING INTO GIANT MONSTERS!!
WE JUST FOUGHT A GUY WHO REACHED LEVEL TWO!! THE SECOND PHASE WILL BE FULL OF TOUGH CUSTOMERS!!
!!!


OH, ANOTHER ONE?
Rinka Gerard, we have a package

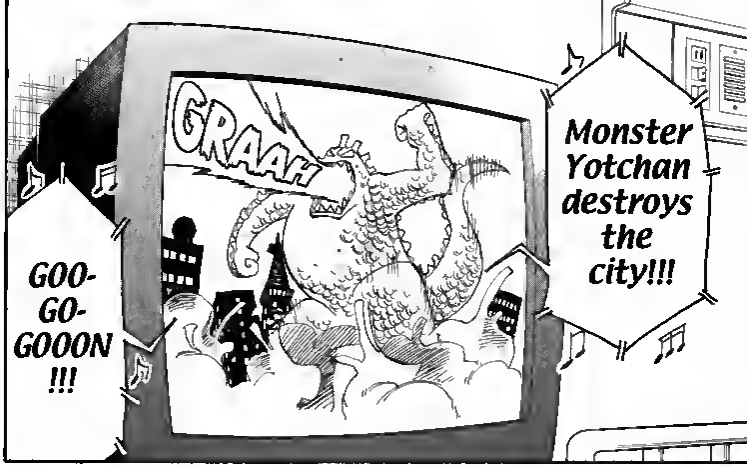

NOW FOR THE EMOTIONAL REUNION!!
THREE... TWO... ONE..
Thank you, Yotchan!
Hey Hey


HEH HEH... THEY'RE CURIOUS !!!
WHO COULD THE "STRONG ALLY" BE?


MASSACRE ?




PRESENT YOUR YOTCHAN MASSACRE PLAN !!!
OH, WELL! LET'S TALK ABOUT WHAT WE'D DO IF YOTCHAN APPEARED RIGHT NOW!


GOO-GO-GOOON !!!
GRAAH
Monster Yotchan destroys the city!!!


THAT'S IT !!!
WHAT ?
A HA HA
HA HA! YOT-CHAN!
THAT MONSTER'S GOT THE SAME NAME!


New Year's Eve Special!!!
...

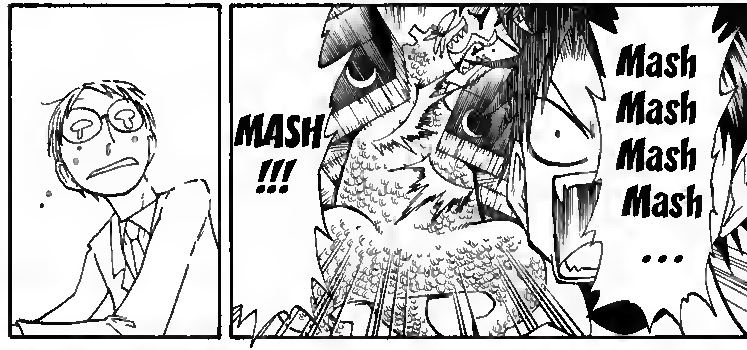

BUT WE'D NEVER FIGHT A MONSTER LIKE THAT...
WE CAN DO THAT HERE!
AHA! IMAGE TRAIN-ING!
DON'T BE SO SURE!

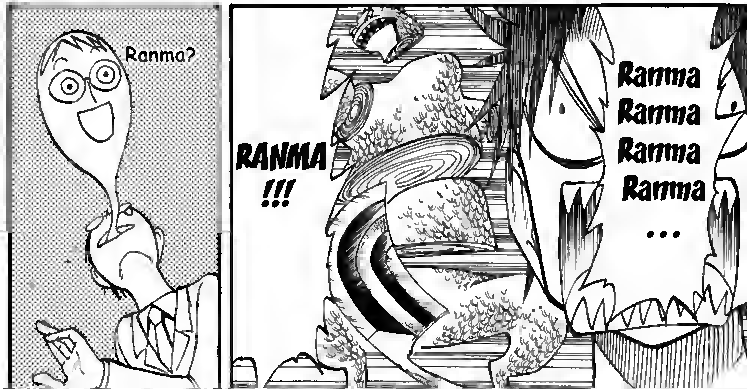

WE'LL PRETEND THE MONSTER IS AN ENEMY, AND THINK OF A STRATEGY !!!


NO!!! IF WE WANT TO WEAKEN HIM, WE SHOULD BLOW UP HIS ARMS AND LEGS FIRST!!!
NO, WE SHOULD EXPLODE HIS WHOLE BODY !!!!
NO, WAIT!!! I CAN THROW BEADS INTO HIS MOUTH AND BLOW HIM UP FROM THE INSIDE !!!
WHAT ? My forehead?
I'LL THROW AN IRON SPEAR INTO YOTCHAN'S FOREHEAD TO WEAKEN HIM!!!
WHILE YOTCHAN IS STARTLED, I'LL BEAT THE STUFFING OUT OF HIM WITH AN IRON CLUB!!!
AS A FINISHER, I'LL USE THE BOOMERANG CUTTER TO SPLIT OPEN YOTCHAN'S NECK!!!

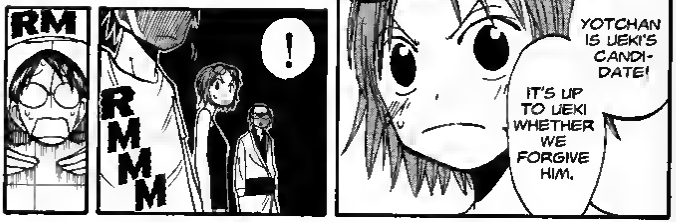

WHOMP
I'VE GOTTA GET OUT OF HERE !!!
I DIDN'T THINK I'D BE SO DESPISED !!!
TUP
EEK !!!
Crud!!!
HUH? YOT-CHAN?
UH..
UH..
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
WHY WAS YOTCHAN IN THAT STUFFED ANIMAL?


PICK !!!
Pick Pick Pick Pick ...


MASH !!!
Mash Mash Mash Mash ...


Ranma?
RANMA !!!
Ranma Ranma Ranma Ranma ...


YODOGAWA VISION
KYAAAAAA!!!
UH...
UH...
ooo...
?!!
YODOGAWA

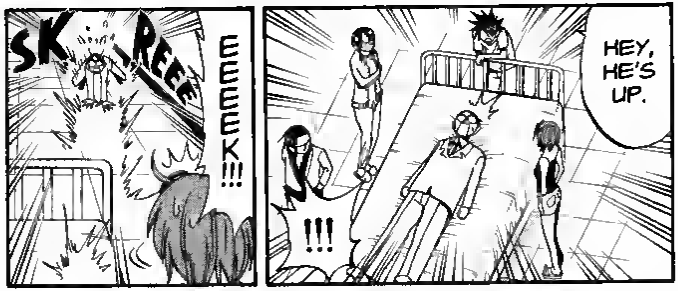

RM
RMMM
!
YOTCHAN IS UEKI'S CANDI-DATE!
IT'S UP TO UEKI WHETHER WE FORGIVE HIM.

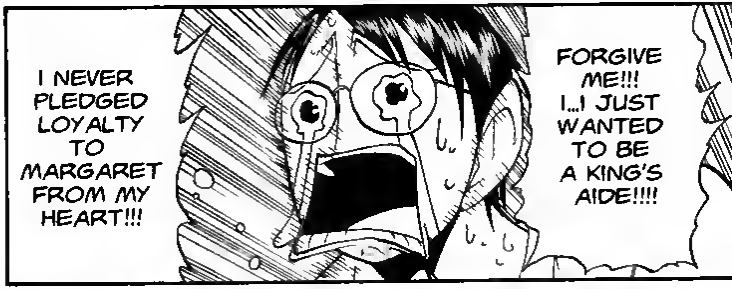

YOU'RE FORGIVEN.
OH, OKAY.
You know, I was never that mad at you...

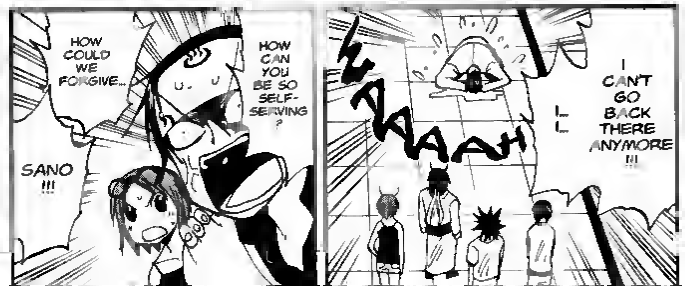

UEKI...
...




NNG ?
THP

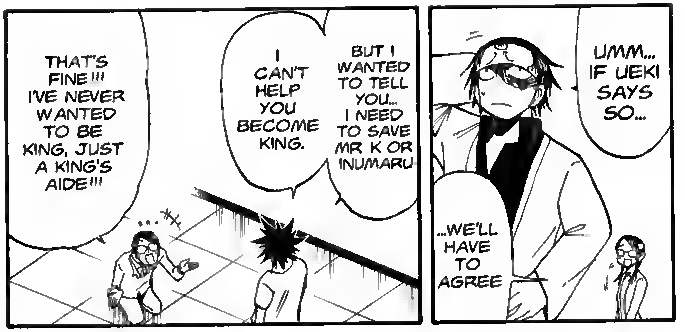

SK REEE
EEEEK!!!
!!!
HEY, HE'S UP.

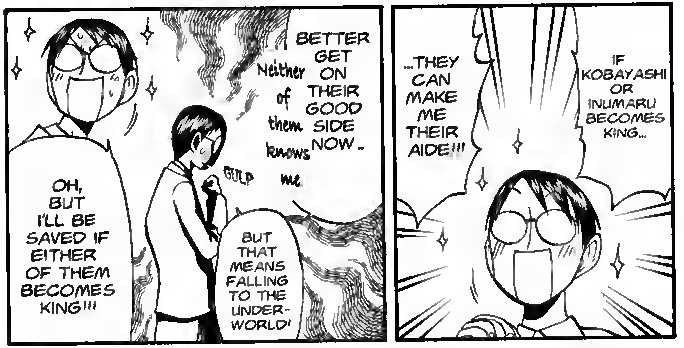

I NEVER PLEDGED LOYALTY TO MARGARET FROM MY HEART!!!
FORGIVE ME!!! I...I JUST WANTED TO BE A KING'S AIDE!!!!

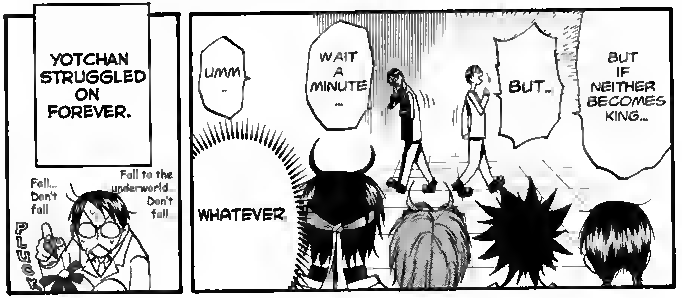

HOW COULD WE FORGIVE...
HOW CAN YOU BE SO SELF-SERVING ?
SANO !!!
AAAAAH
I CAN'T GO BACK THERE ANYMORE !!!

# Chapter 94
# The Final Awakening Chamber

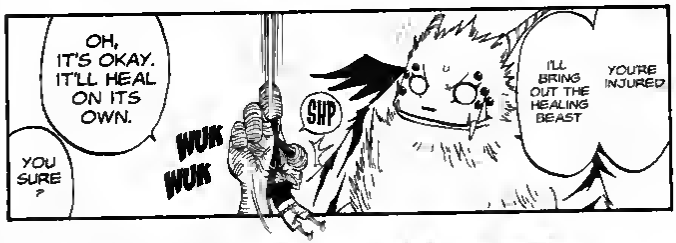


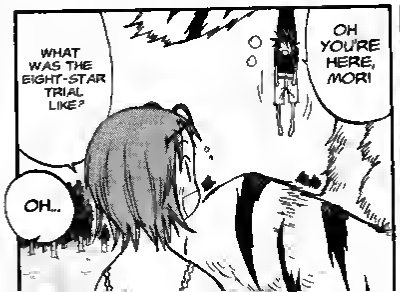


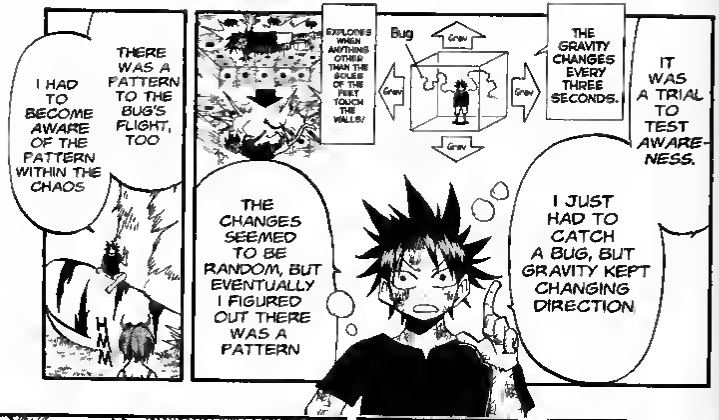

EIGHT-STAR AWAKENING CHAMBER...
BUMP
CLEARED !!!

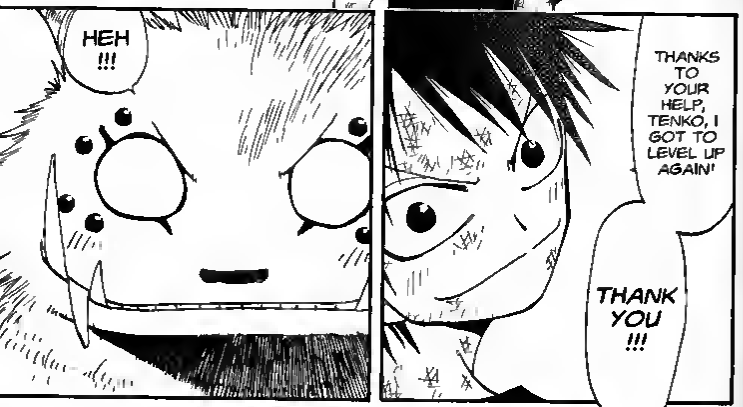

OH, IT'S OKAY. IT'LL HEAL ON ITS OWN.
YOU SURE ?
WUK WUK
SHP
I'LL BRING OUT THE HEALING BEAST
YOU'RE INJURED


WHAT WAS THE EIGHT-STAR TRIAL LIKE?
OH YOU'RE HERE, MORI
OH...

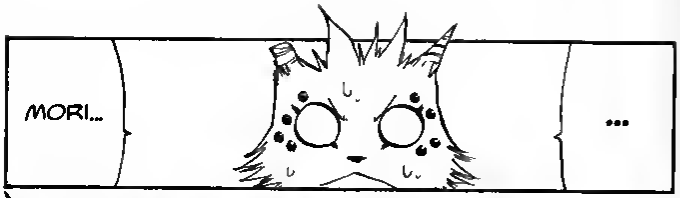

HEY, UEKI !!
HUH ?




I HAD TO BECOME AWARE OF THE PATTERN WITHIN THE CHAOS
THERE WAS A PATTERN TO THE BUG'S FLIGHT, TOO
HMM
EXPLODES WHEN ANYTHING OTHER THAN THE SOLES OF THE FEET TOUCH THE WALLS!
Bug
Grow
Grow
Grow
THE GRAVITY CHANGES EVERY THREE SECONDS.
IT WAS A TRIAL TO TEST AWARENESS.
I JUST HAD TO CATCH A BUG, BUT GRAVITY KEPT CHANGING DIRECTION
THE CHANGES SEEMED TO BE RANDOM, BUT EVENTUALLY I FIGURED OUT THERE WAS A PATTERN

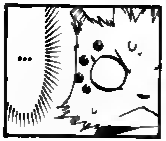

HEH !!!
THANKS TO YOUR HELP, TENKO, I GOT TO LEVEL UP AGAIN!
THANK YOU !!!


HMM... I THINK IT'S BALANCE.
SO WHAT'S THE TRAINING FOR THE NEXT STAR?


MORI...
...


WHAT ?
WHAT ARE THESE CREEPY THINGS ?
GLUP GLUP GLUP GLUP


I worked so hard


...


YOU HAVEN'T TAKEN A BITE!!!
THAT'S AWESOME
Just looking at it makes me burp!
SOB


So it doesn't look so hot!!!
IT'S A PICNIC!!! I THOUGHT YOU GUYS MIGHT BE TIRED AND HUNGRY!!!
SCUTTER



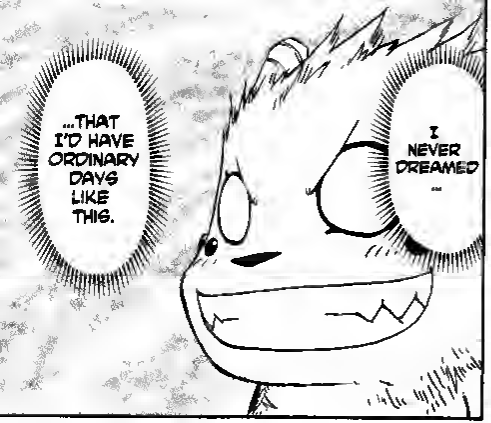

...I WILL DIE.
WHEN YOU REACH NINE STARS...
THE NEXT STAR IS THE FARTHEST I CAN TAKE YOU.

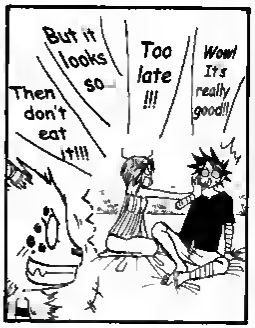

Balance, eh?
3 Stars

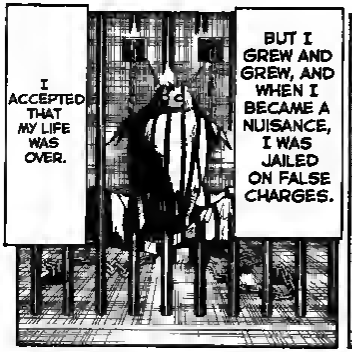

IF HE KNEW ABOUT IT, HE'D PROBABLY REFUSE THE TRAINING.
Don't move !!
Ow! Don't touch!!
I WON'T TELL KOSUKE ABOUT IT UNTIL THE VERY END.


COME JOIN US, TENKO!
OKAY, LET'S DO LUNCH!


IF I CAN HELP YOU, MY LITTLE LIFE DOESN'T MATTER !!!
YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO WANTED ME!


I NEVER DREAMED ...
...THAT I'D HAVE ORDINARY DAYS LIKE THIS.

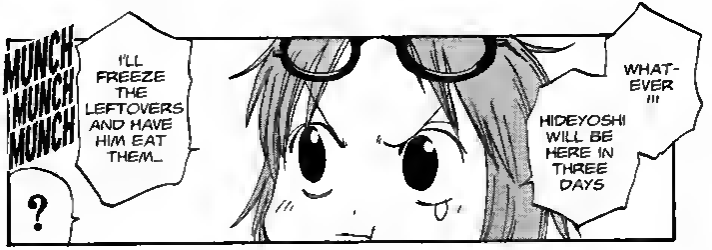

Wow! It's really good!!
Too late !!!
But it looks so...
Then don't eat it!!!


I ACCEPTED THAT MY LIFE WAS OVER.
BUT I GREW AND GREW, AND WHEN I BECAME A NUISANCE, I WAS JAILED ON FALSE CHARGES.

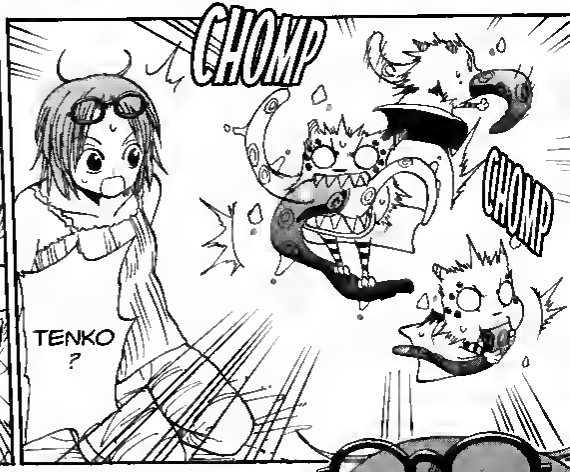

THOUSANDS OF YEARS AGO, WHEN I WAS LITTLE...
...I USED TO SPEND DAYS LIKE THIS WITH THE CELESTIALS.


...I MET THESE GUYS...

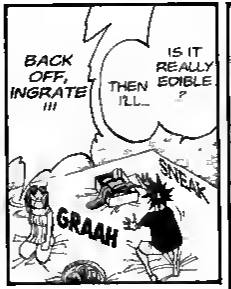

BUT ONE DAY, KOBAYASHI SET ME FREE...
... AND ...


MUNCH MUNCH MUNCH
I'LL FREEZE THE LEFTOVERS AND HAVE HIM EAT THEM...
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HIDEYOSHI WILL BE HERE IN THREE DAYS
WHAT-EVER !!!

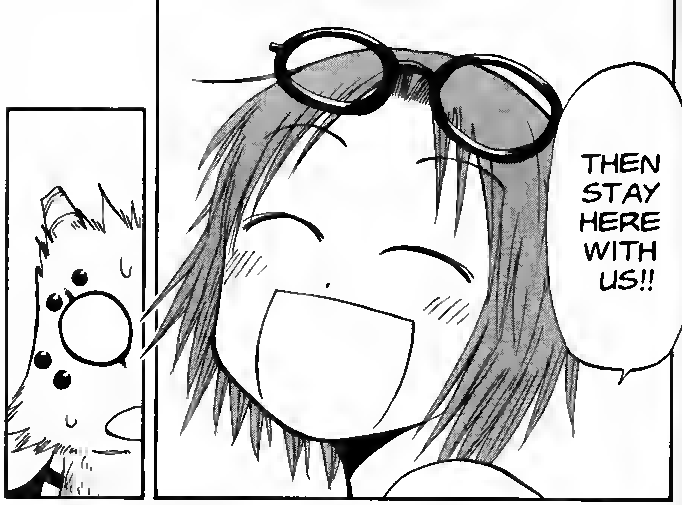

WOW !!!
THIS IS GOOD !!!

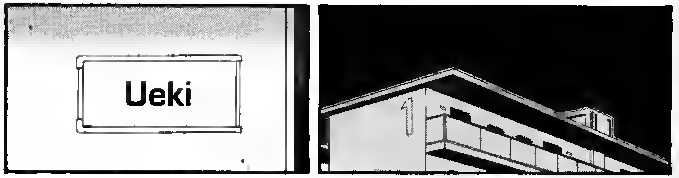

CHOMP
CHOMP
TENKO ?

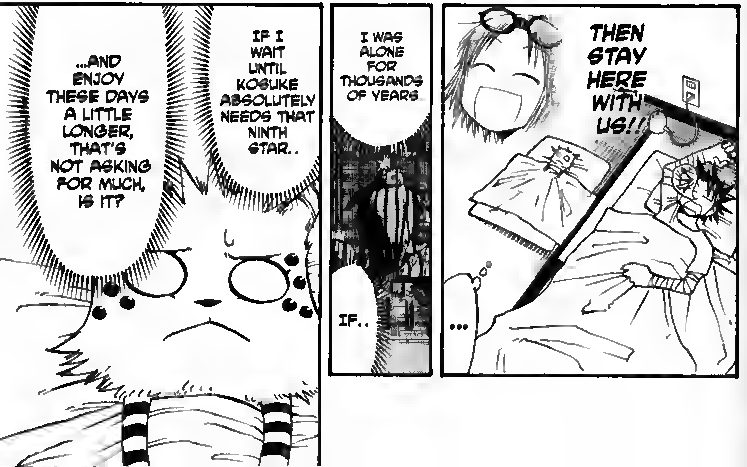

DON'T EAT THAT !!!
TENKO, YOU CAN HAVE IT ALL! ♡

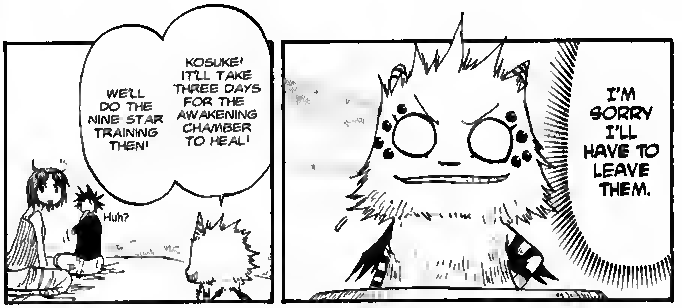

BACK OFF, INGRATE !!!
THEN I'LL...
IS IT REALLY EDIBLE ?
SNEAK
GRAAH

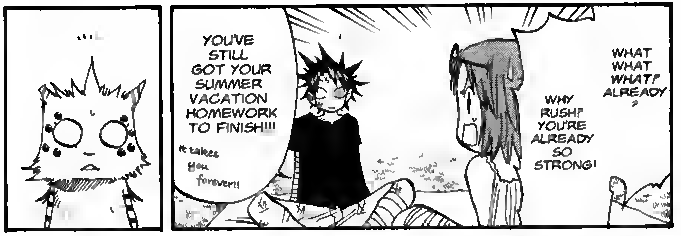

TENKO !!!


THEN STAY HERE WITH US!!

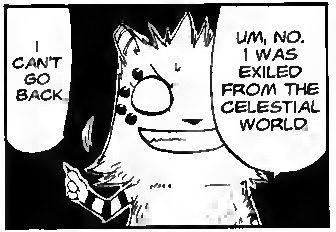

Ueki

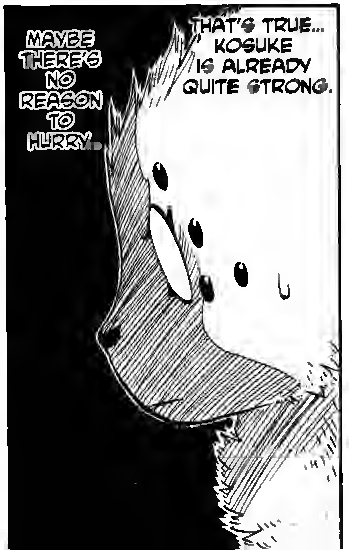

...AND ENJOY THESE DAYS A LITTLE LONGER, THAT'S NOT ASKING FOR MUCH, IS IT?
IF I WAIT UNTIL KOSUKE ABSOLUTELY NEEDS THAT NINTH STAR..
I WAS ALONE FOR THOUSANDS OF YEARS
IF..
THEN STAY HERE WITH US!!
...

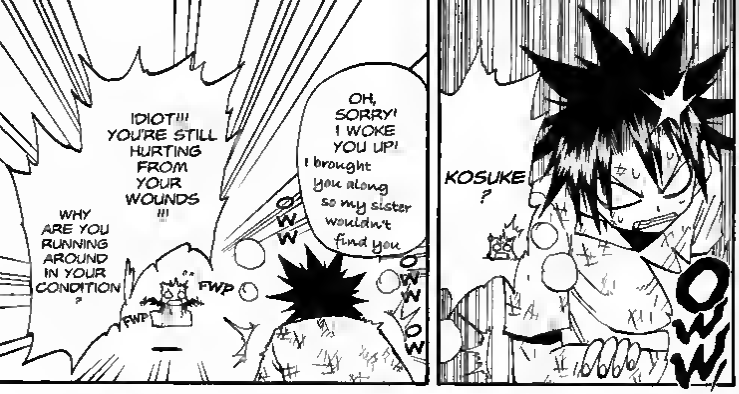

KOSUKE! IT'LL TAKE THREE DAYS FOR THE AWAKENING CHAMBER TO HEAL!
WE'LL DO THE NINE STAR TRAINING THEN!
Huh?
I'M SORRY I'LL HAVE TO LEAVE THEM.


YOU'VE STILL GOT YOUR SUMMER VACATION HOMEWORK TO FINISH!!!!
It takes Hou forever!!
WHY RUSH? YOU'RE ALREADY SO STRONG!
WHAT WHAT WHAT? ALREADY?


ARE YOU GOING BACK TO THE CELESTIAL WORLD?
WHAT'RE YOU GOING TO DO AFTER THE BATTLES?


I CAN'T GO BACK.
UM, NO. I WAS EXILED FROM THE CELESTIAL WORLD


MAYBE THERE'S NO REASON TO HURRY...
THAT'S TRUE... KOSUKE IS ALREADY QUITE STRONG.

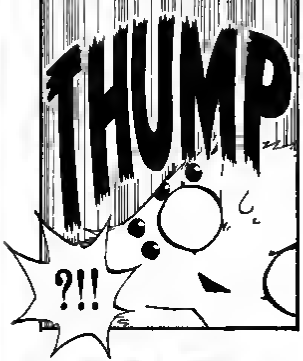

IDIOT!!! YOU'RE STILL HURTING FROM YOUR WOUNDS !!!
WHY ARE YOU RUNNING AROUND IN YOUR CONDITION ?
FWP
FWP
OH, SORRY! I WOKE YOU UP! I brought you along so my sister wouldn't find you
OWW
OWWOW
KOSUKE ?
OW!

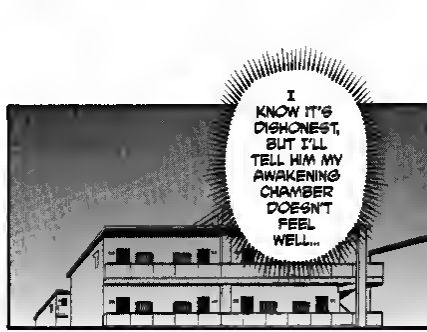

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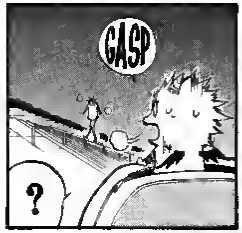

DON'T YOU THINK IT'S A WASTE OF TIME TO SPEND SO LONG INSIDE THE HEALING BEAST?
I WANTED TO TRAIN FOR IT
THE NEXT TRIAL'S ABOUT BALANCE, RIGHT?

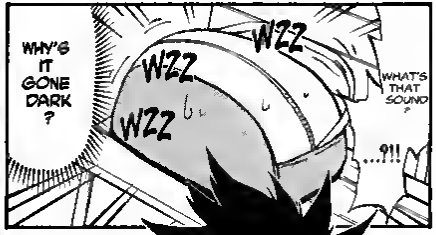

KOSUKE ...
YOU ...

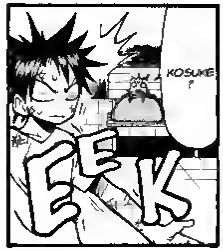

FOR MY FRIENDS... MR. K AND INUMARU
...EVEN IF IT'S JUST BY A SECOND !!!
I WANT TO GET AHEAD...

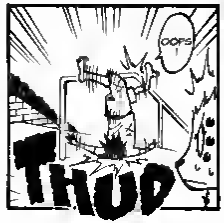

THUMP
?!!


I KNOW IT'S DISHONEST, BUT I'LL TELL HIM MY AWAKENING CHAMBER DOESN'T FEEL WELL...


GASP
?

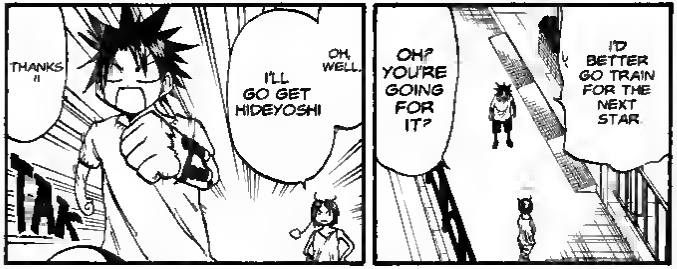

WHY'S IT GONE DARK ?
WZZ
WZZ
WZZ
WHAT'S THAT SOUND ?
...?!!


KOSUKE ?
EEK

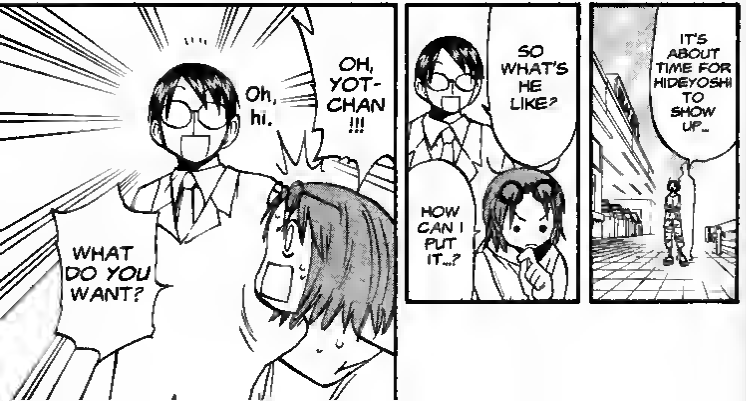

OOPS
THUD

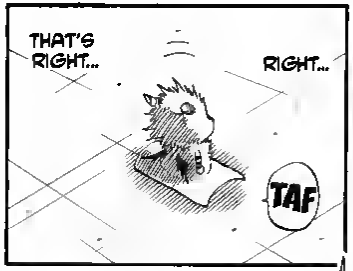

SHF
SHF


Akaishi Hos
WHAT? Is it time?
..LET'S PICK HIDEYOSHI UP AT THE STATION!
SINCE WE'RE DONE VISITING RINKO AND SANO..
NOW..
Akaishi Hospital
THREE DAYS LATER-


THANKS !!
I'LL GO GET HIDEYOSHI
OH, WELL..
TAK
OH? YOU'RE GOING FOR IT?
I'D BETTER GO TRAIN FOR THE NEXT STAR.

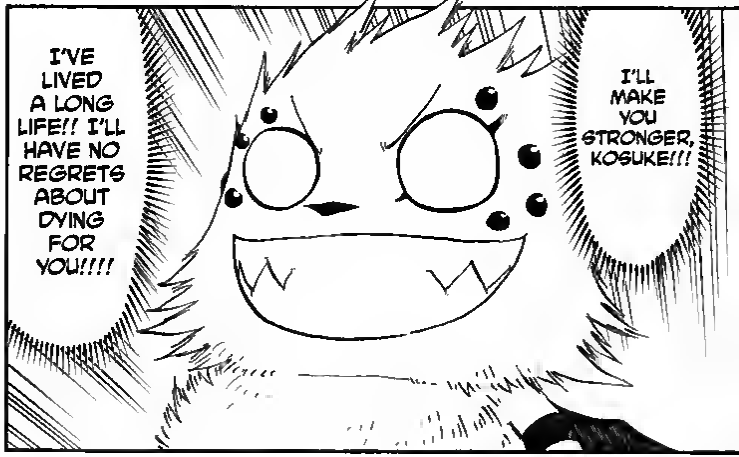

Fuurin Station

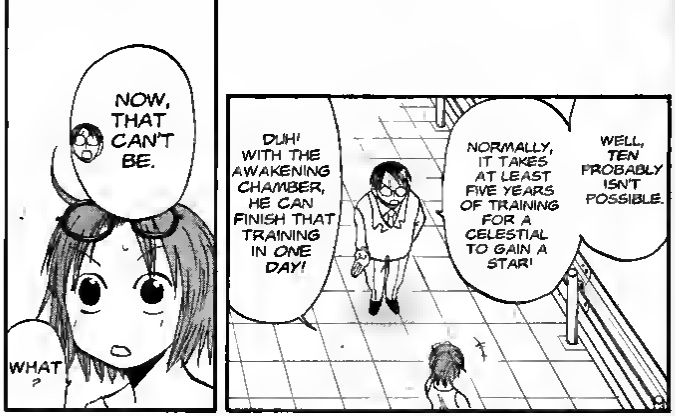

OH, YOT-CHAN !!!
Oh, hi.
WHAT DO YOU WANT?
SO WHAT'S HE LIKE?
HOW CAN I PUT IT..?
IT'S ABOUT TIME FOR HIDEYOSHI TO SHOW UP..


THAT'S RIGHT...
RIGHT...
TAF

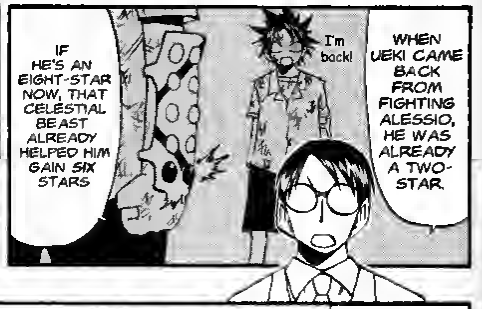

Now back to training!
FWP
FWP
THREE DAYS, RIGHT?


..BETRAYED THE PERSON WHO'S GIVEN ME A REASON TO LIVE.
I ALMOST ...
I'M SORRY, KOSUKE.


I'VE LIVED A LONG LIFE!! I'LL HAVE NO REGRETS ABOUT DYING FOR YOU!!!!
I'LL MAKE YOU STRONGER, KOSUKE!!!


NOW, THAT CAN'T BE.
WHAT?
DUH! WITH THE AWAKENING CHAMBER, HE CAN FINISH THAT TRAINING IN ONE DAY!
NORMALLY, IT TAKES AT LEAST FIVE YEARS OF TRAINING FOR A CELESTIAL TO GAIN A STAR!
WELL, TEN PROBABLY ISN'T POSSIBLE.

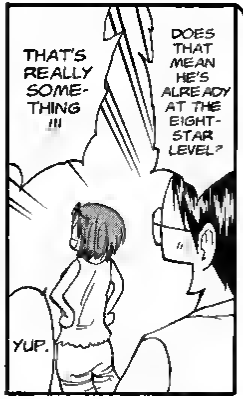

WELL...
YEAH? SO?


IF HE'S AN EIGHT-STAR NOW, THAT CELESTIAL BEAST ALREADY HELPED HIM GAIN SIX STARS
I'm back!
WHEN UEKI CAME BACK FROM FIGHTING ALESSIO, HE WAS ALREADY A TWO-STAR.

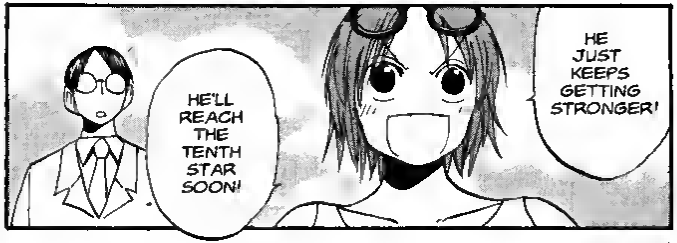

...IT DIES.
...WHEN A CELESTIAL BEAST HELPS SOMEONE GAIN SEVEN STARS...

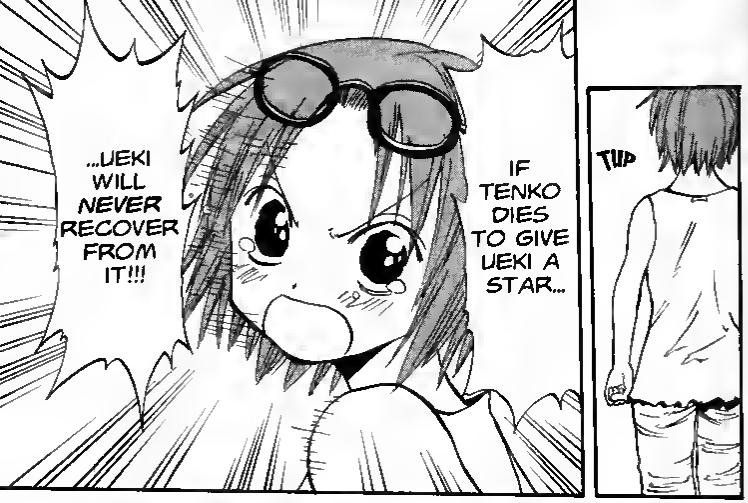

BY THE WAY, WHERE'S UEKI?
ER... DON'T GET YOUR HOPES UP...
HA HA


MY FUTURE AS KING'S AIDE DEPENDS ON HIM.
I WANTED TO SEE THIS HIDEYOSHI FELLOW.


THAT'S REALLY SOME-THING !!!
DOES THAT MEAN HE'S ALREADY AT THE EIGHT-STAR LEVEL?
YUP.


NINE STARS?
HE WENT INTO THE AWAKENING CHAMBER TO REACH THE NINTH STAR.

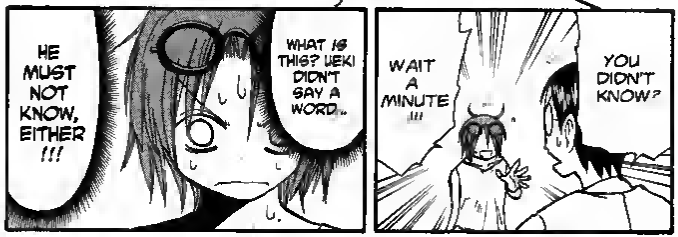

HE'LL REACH THE TENTH STAR SOON!
HE JUST KEEPS GETTING STRONGER!

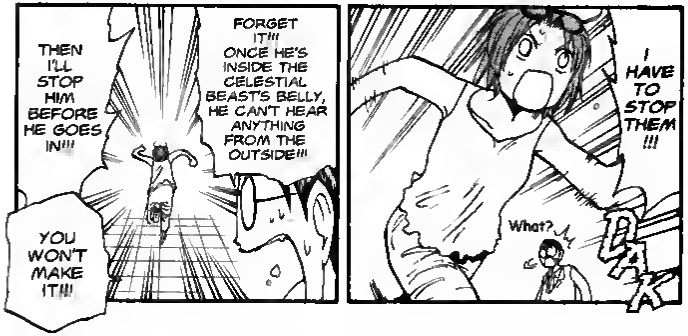

...UEKI WILL NEVER RECOVER FROM IT!!!
IF TENKO DIES TO GIVE UEKI A STAR...
TUP

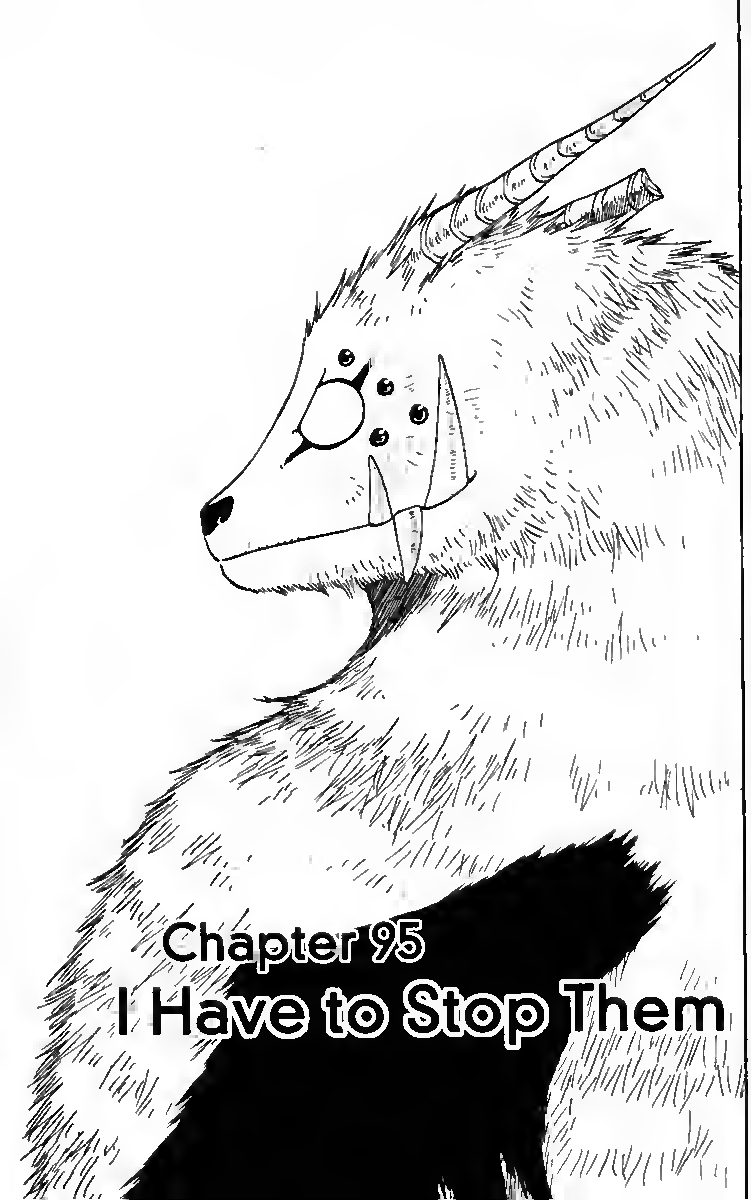

DON'T GO IN YET, UEKI!!!
PLEASE LET ME GET THERE IN TIME!!!
HUH? "RE-COVER"?


DON'T DIE, TENKO!!!!!
PLEASE!!!

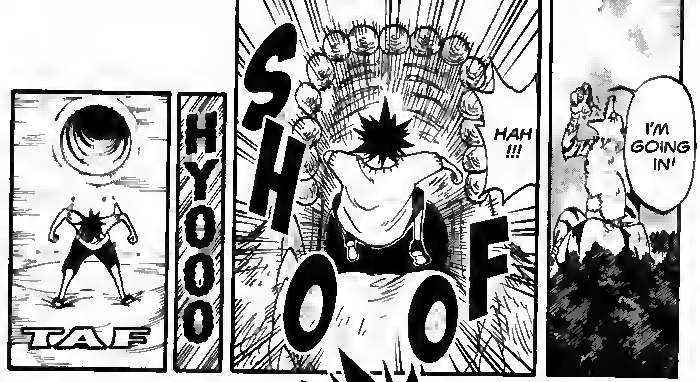

WHAT?
...


HE MUST NOT KNOW, EITHER!!!
WHAT IS THIS? UEKI DIDN'T SAY A WORD..
WAIT A MINUTE!!!
YOU DIDN'T KNOW?


THEN I'LL STOP HIM BEFORE HE GOES IN!!!
FORGET IT!!! ONCE HE'S INSIDE THE CELESTIAL BEAST'S BELLY, HE CAN'T HEAR ANYTHING FROM THE OUTSIDE!!!
YOU WON'T MAKE IT!!!
I HAVE TO STOP THEM!!!
What?
DASH

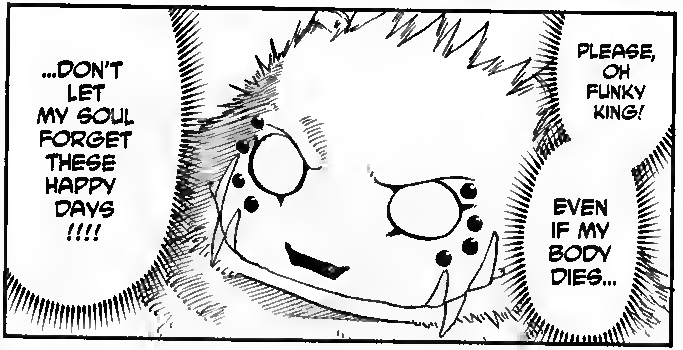


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# I Have to Stop Them

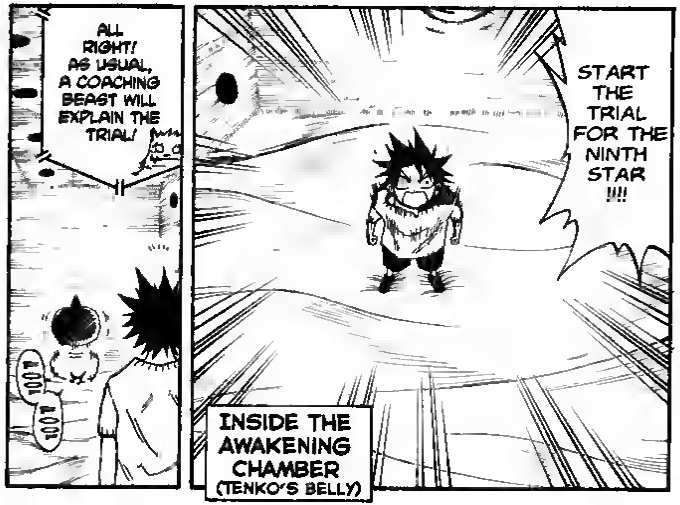


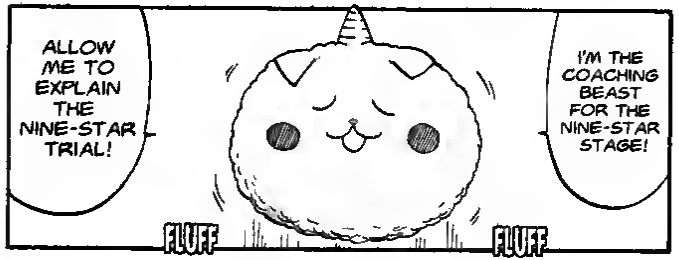






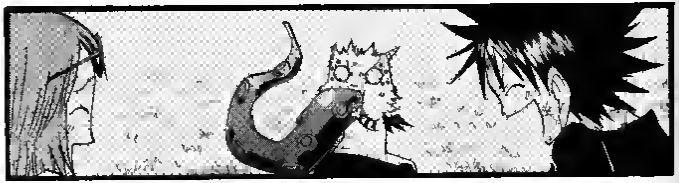

ARE YOU READY, KOSUKE?
YEAH !!!


ALL RIGHT! AS USUAL, A COACHING BEAST WILL EXPLAIN THE TRIAL!
NOD
START THE TRIAL FOR THE NINTH STAR !!!!
INSIDE THE AWAKENING CHAMBER (TENKO'S BELLY)

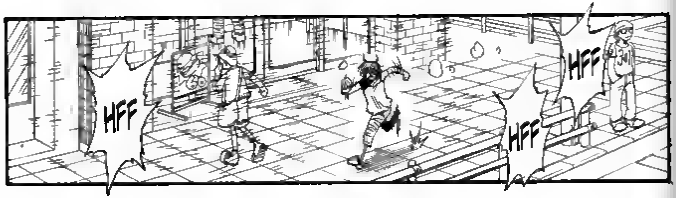

ALLOW ME TO EXPLAIN THE NINE-STAR TRIAL!
I'M THE COACHING BEAST FOR THE NINE-STAR STAGE!
FLUFF
FLUFF




BUT ...
WHEN KOSUKE ACQUIRES NINE STARS.. I'LL DIE.
THIS IS THE LAST STAR I CAN HELP YOU ATTAIN.

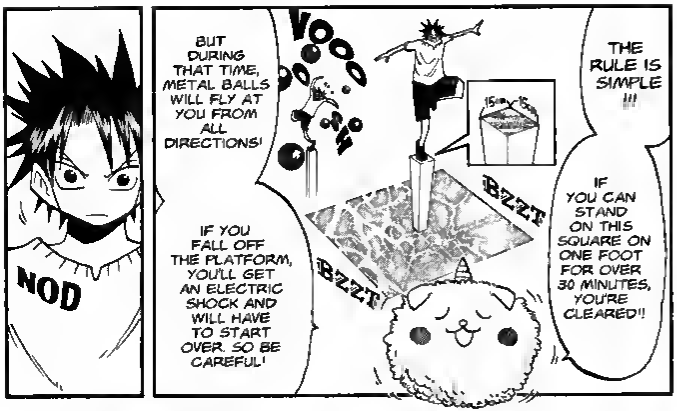


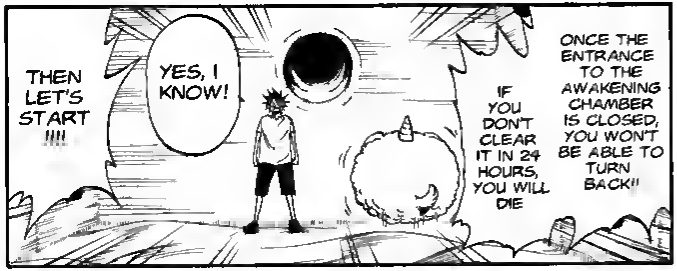

WE HAD A SHORT TIME TOGETHER... BUT IT WAS FUN, KOSUKE!!!
...BECAUSE I MET YOU, MY LONG LIFE DOESN'T FEEL LIKE A WASTE.


HFF
HFF
HFF

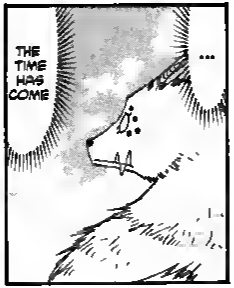

We were supposed to meet at the station.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
I GOT IN EARLY, SO I STOPPED FOR LUNCH.
HIDE-YOSHI ?
OH, MORI !!!
!
I'M WASTING TIME!
I SPRAINED MY ANKLE !!!
!!!
WWW
?!!
I HAVE TO HURRY!! TENKO IS GOING TO DIE !!!!
WHY... WHY NOW ?

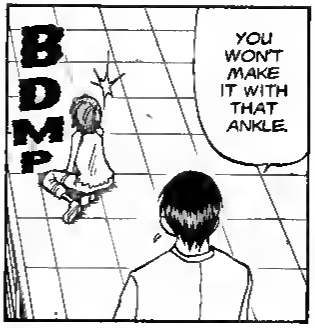

THAT'S TWO OR THREE KILOMETERS AWAY!
UEKI AND TENKO WILL BE TOGETHER...
...OR TENKO WILL DIE !!!!
I'VE GOT TO STOP THE TRIAL IN THE AWAKENING CHAMBER...
I WON'T MAKE IT !!!!
NO!!! EVEN AT FULL SPRINT, IT'LL TAKE OVER TEN MINUTES!!!
OW !
SKFFF
OH, CRUD!!! ARE YOU OKAY?
HUH ?
!!!

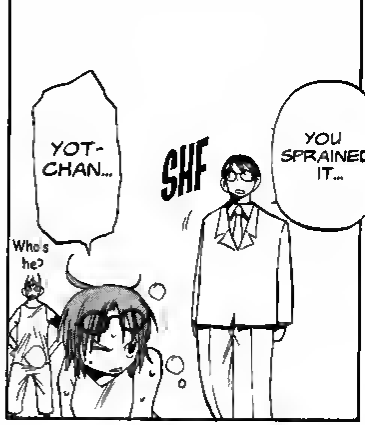

NOD
BUT DURING THAT TIME, METAL BALLS WILL FLY AT YOU FROM ALL DIRECTIONS!
IF YOU FALL OFF THE PLATFORM, YOU'LL GET AN ELECTRIC SHOCK AND WILL HAVE TO START OVER. SO BE CAREFUL!
VOOO
BZZT
BZZT
THE RULE IS SIMPLE !!!
IF YOU CAN STAND ON THIS SQUARE ON ONE FOOT FOR OVER 30 MINUTES, YOU'RE CLEARED!!

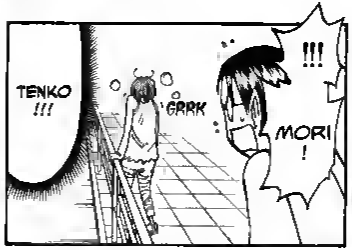

THEN LET'S START !!!
YES, I KNOW!
IF YOU DON'T CLEAR IT IN 24 HOURS, YOU WILL DIE
ONCE THE ENTRANCE TO THE AWAKENING CHAMBER IS CLOSED, YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO TURN BACK!!


EVEN IF I DIE, I HAVE NO REGRETS...
I'M BEING USEFUL TO KOSUKE.

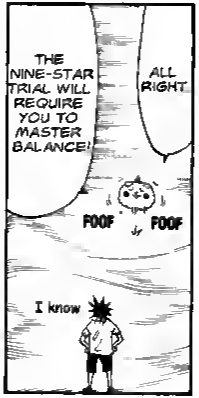

THE TIME HAS COME
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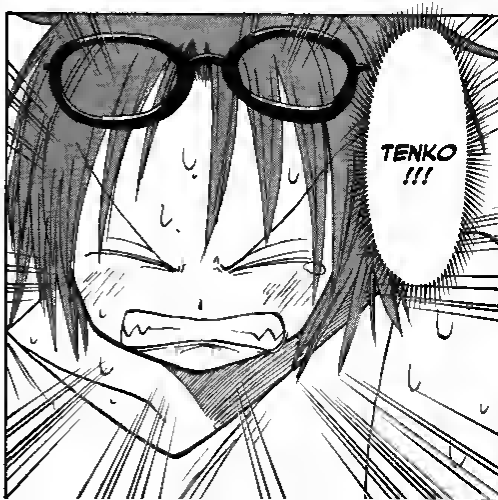

BDMP
YOU WON'T MAKE IT WITH THAT ANKLE.


YOT-CHAN...
SHF
YOU SPRAINED IT...
Who's he?

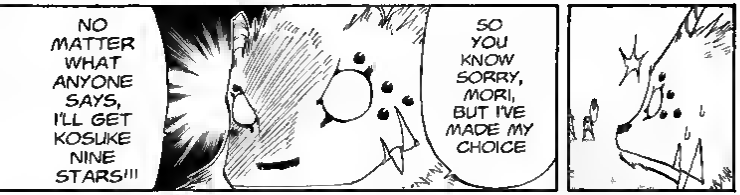

TENKO !!!
GRRK
!!!
MORI !

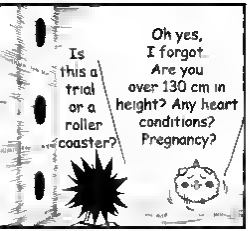

TENKO CAN'T DIE !!!
NO !!!


THE NINE-STAR TRIAL WILL REQUIRE YOU TO MASTER BALANCE!
ALL RIGHT
POOF
POOF
I know

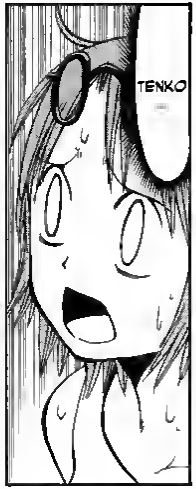

TENKO !!!


I DIDN'T MAKE IT?
NO, TENKO !!! GET UEKI OUT!!
IF UEKI REACHES NINE STARS.. YOU'LL DIE!!!
WELL, KOSUKE ?
HE'S ALREADY INSIDE MY BELLY
!!!

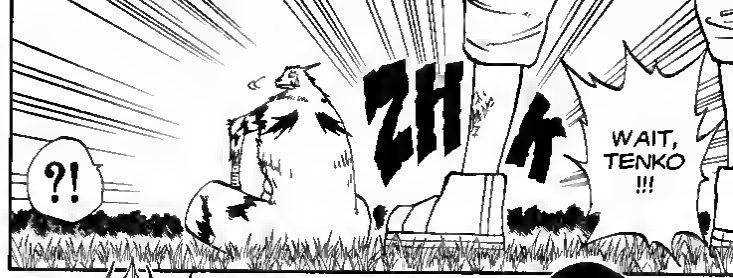

NO MATTER WHAT ANYONE SAYS, I'LL GET KOSUKE NINE STARS!!!
SO YOU KNOW SORRY, MORI, BUT I'VE MADE MY CHOICE

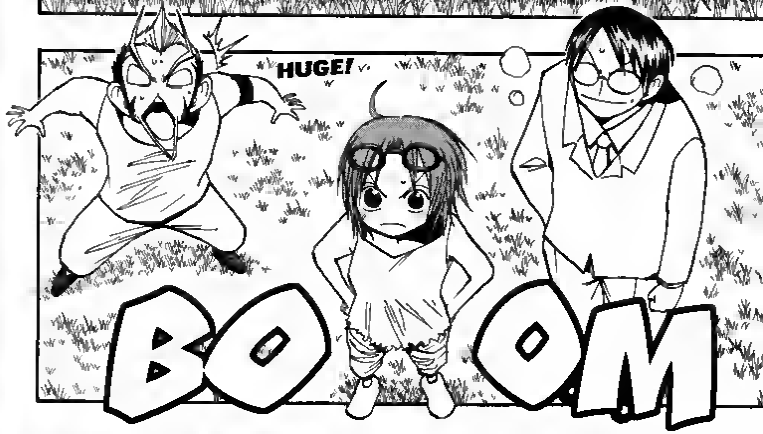

Is this a trial or a roller coaster?
Oh yes, I forgot. Are you over 130 cm in height? Any heart conditions? Pregnancy?

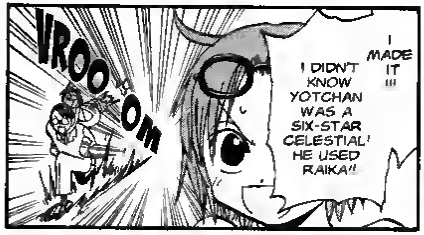

UEKI!!! GET OUT OF THERE !!!
UEKI !!!
IT'S USELESS!! HE CAN'T HEAR VOICES FROM THE OUTSIDE!!!

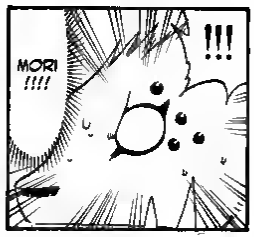

TENKO

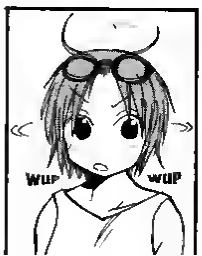

COME OUT, UEKI !!!
PLEASE HEAR ME !!!


?!
ZHA
WAIT, TENKO !!!


HUGE!
BO OM


VROOOM
I DIDN'T KNOW YOTCHAN WAS A SIX-STAR CELESTIAL! HE USED RAIKA!!
I MADE IT !!!

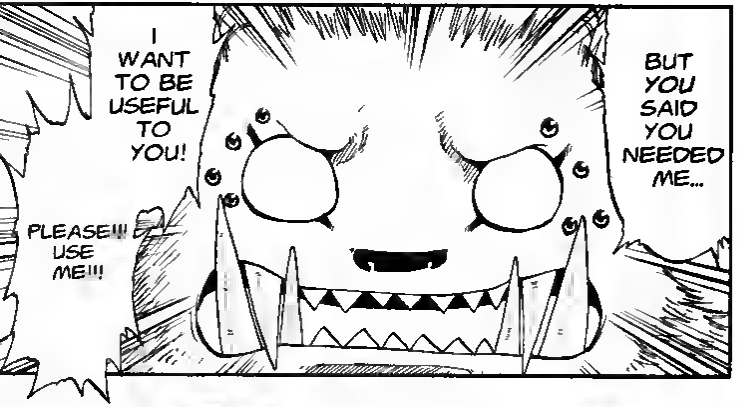

MORI !!!!
!!!


WUP
WUP


I'LL DO ANYTHING TO BECOME KING'S AIDE!
SHING
..IT COULD CHANGE THE BATTLE!
IF THE CELESTIAL BEAST DIES AND UEKI CAN'T RECOVER..
So selfish

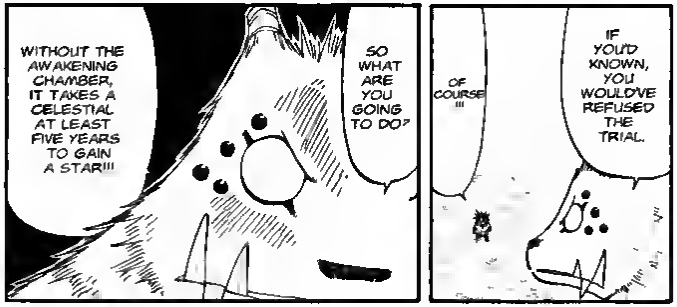

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IS THIS TRUE, TENKO?
YOU FOUND OUT.
POP
WHEN YOU GET TO NINE STARS, HE'LL DIE!!!
UEKI!! TENKO WILL DIE AFTER HE HELPS YOU GET SEVEN STARS!!!
POP
WHAT ?
I WON'T KILL YOU, EVEN IF IT KILLS ME!!!
IF YOU DON'T, I'LL JUST SIT HERE FOR 24 HOURS !!!
GET ME OUT !!
BOOT
!
!!!
DRAT !!!
I HAVE NO CHOICE...
UEKI !!!
WHAP
MORI ?
SHUUUU
COME OUT, UEKI !!!
MORI !
WHAM
SHUUUU
!!!
I'LL CHANGE YOUR VOICE INTO DRAWINGS AND STICK THEM IN TENKO'S STOMACH!!!
SHOUT ALL YOU WANT !!

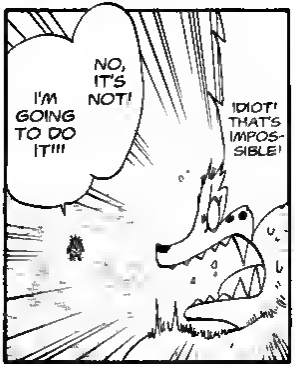

BUT I WAS AN OVER-GROWN FREAK..
...IMPRISONED FOR THOUSANDS OF YEARS, NEEDED BY NO ONE.
KOSUKE..
WE CELESTIAL BEASTS TAKE PRIDE IN BEING USEFUL TO CELESTIALS
...


I WANT TO BE USEFUL TO YOU!
PLEASE!!! USE ME!!!
BUT YOU SAID YOU NEEDED ME...


...JUST BECAUSE YOU'RE USEFUL !!!
I DON'T NEED YOU..
BUT YOU'VE GOT IT WRONG.
I NEED YOU MORE NOW THAN EVER
OF COURSE I NEED YOU

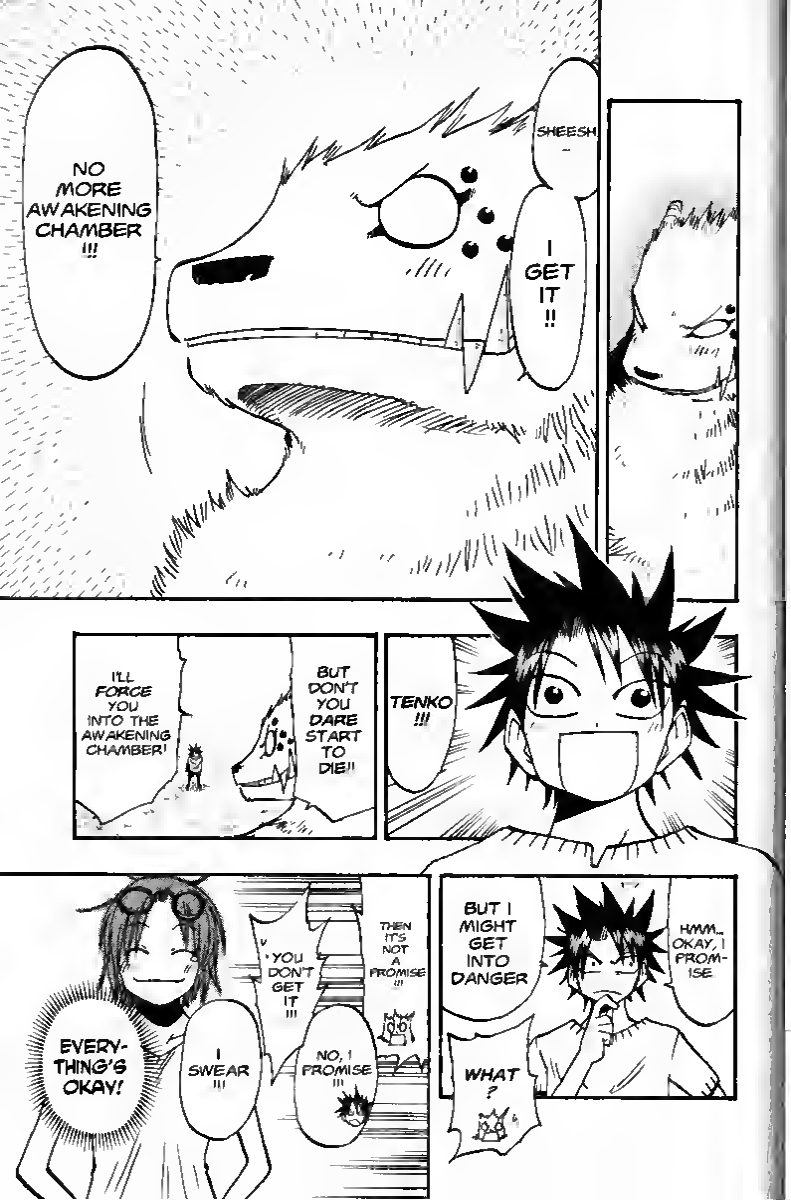

WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ME THAT IT WOULD KILL YOU?
WHY ?
TP


WITHOUT THE AWAKENING CHAMBER, IT TAKES A CELESTIAL AT LEAST FIVE YEARS TO GAIN A STAR!!!
SO WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO?
OF COURSE !!!
IF YOU'D KNOWN, YOU WOULD'VE REFUSED THE TRIAL.


NO, IT'S NOT!
I'M GOING TO DO IT!!!
IDIOT! THAT'S IMPOS-SIBLE!


I'LL JUST HAVE TO WORK HARD AND GET TO IT SOONER THAN THAT
NO PROB.
!!!


I NEED YOU BECAUSE OF WHO YOU ARE !!!!

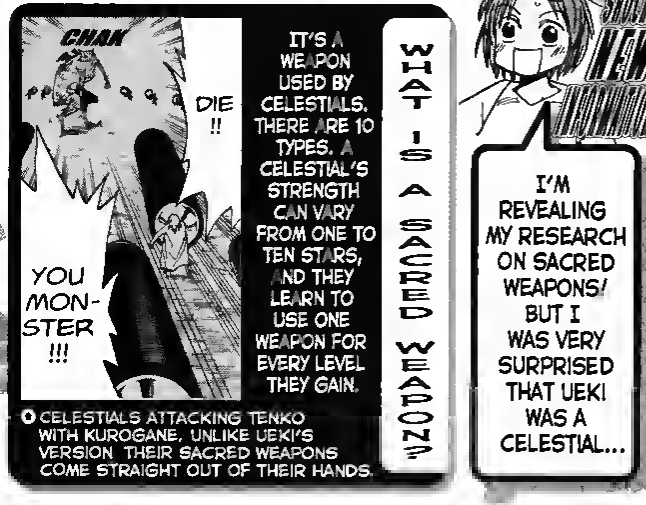

NO MORE AWAKENING CHAMBER !!!
SHEESH...
I GET IT !!
I'LL FORCE YOU INTO THE AWAKENING CHAMBER!
BUT DON'T YOU DARE START TO DIE!!
TENKO !!!
EVERY-THING'S OKAY!
I SWEAR !!!
YOU DON'T GET IT !!!
NO, I PROMISE !!!
THEN IT'S NOT A PROMISE !!!
BUT I MIGHT GET INTO DANGER
WHAT ?
HMM.. OKAY, I PROM-ISE

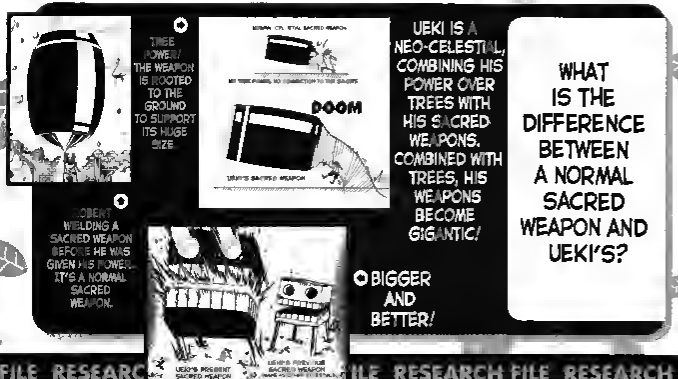

IT DOESN'T MATTER IF FRIENDS ARE USEFUL TO EACH OTHER!
TENKO !!
YOU'RE MY FRIEND!
KOSUKE...
I'M NOT GOING TO LOSE YOU !!!
I WANT YOU WITH US !!!

SPECIAL EXTRA FEATURE

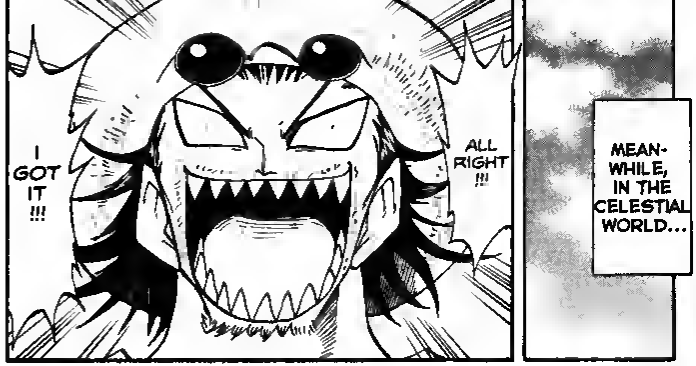
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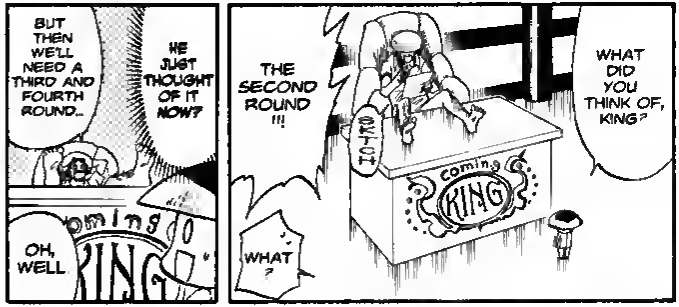
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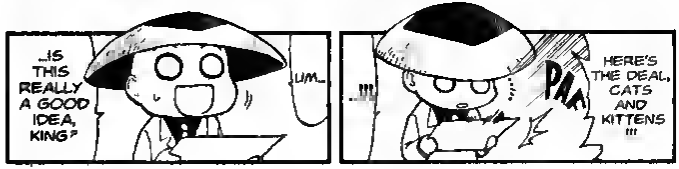


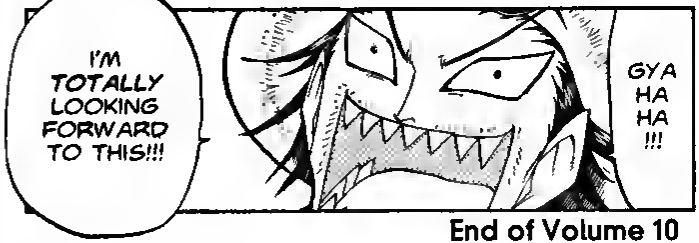






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## FILE. 2

### Two-Star Sacred Weapon Neo-celestial version

HOOD ○ AFTER UEKI BECAME A NEO-CELESTIAL. IT'S LARGER, WITH MORE DURABILITY. THE DEFLECTING PORTION LOOKS DIFFERENT, TOO.

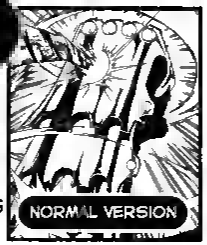



A DEFENSIVE SACRED WEAPON THAT ACTS AS A SHIELD!! THE KEY TO LEARNING IS "ENDURANCE." A SOUL THAT CAN ENDURE ANYTHING BECOMES A CELESTIAL'S DEFENSE.

DEFENSE IS AN IMPORTANT FACTOR IN BATTLES.



○ DEFLECT ENEMY ATTACKS BY SUMMONING IT!




KEY TO LEARNING
ENDURANCE

### CHECK POINT

A SACRED WEAPON'S STRENGTH CAN BE CONTROLLED !!




○ SOMEONE AT ROBERT'S LEVEL SEEMS TO BE ABLE TO FREELY ADJUST THE POWER OF THE SACRED WEAPONS!

○ A FULL-POWER KUROGANE CAN EVEN BLOW AWAY MOUNTAINS! INCREDIBLE POWER...







○ WHEN HE SHOT AT SANO. SEEMS WEAK.

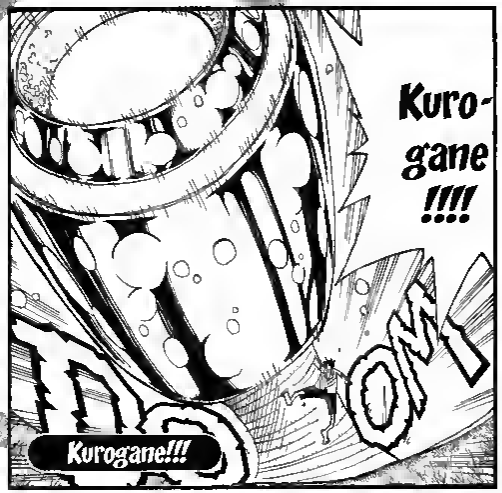
I'M NOT SURE IF UEKI REALIZES IT, BUT DEPENDING ON THE TARGET, HE SEEMS TO ADJUST THE POWER OF HIS WEAPONS!





## FILE. 1

### One-Star Sacred Weapon Neo-celestial version CRACKED




○ KUROGANE AFTER UEKI'S AWAKENING AS A NEO-CELESTIAL. THE DESIGN HAS CHANGED, AND THE POWER HAS INCREASED EXPONENTIALLY!

THE FIRST SACRED WEAPON THAT UEKI GAINED. IT'S A CANNON-SHAPED WEAPON THAT FIRES HUGE BULLETS. UEKI COMBINES IT WITH A TREE, SO THE BULLET IS MADE OUT OF WOOD. IT'S THE MOST BASIC OF THE WEAPONS. ONE CAN USE IT JUST BY BEING AWARE THAT ONE IS A CELESTIAL.

KEY TO LEARNING
AWARENESS

ENEMIES KNOCKED OUT
ALESSIO
NIKO



○ KUROGANE BEFORE UEKI BECAME A NEO-CELESTIAL

NORMAL VERSION

UEKI MIGHT BE REALLY STRONG...



○ IT CAN CHANGE DIRECTIONS! BUT IT LOOKS LIKE IT REQUIRES TREMENDOUS STRENGTH, SINCE IT'S SO HEAVY.

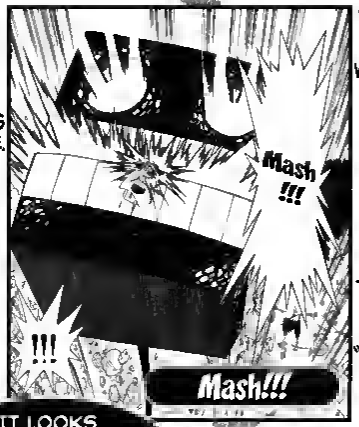



○ THE KEY TO LEARNING IS TO BE AWARE OF BEING A CELESTIAL. UEKI BROUGHT OUT KUROGANE THE MOMENT HE SHOUTED.



## FILE. 4

### Four-Star Sacred Weapon Neo-celestial version




A WEAPON THAT CRUSHES WITH GREAT POWER!! IT'S SHAPED LIKE A CUBE, AND IT CRUSHES WITH ITS MOUTH. THE KEY TO LEARNING IS "EXERTION." IT'S A POWER-BASED WEAPON THAT REQUIRES THE EXERTION OF GREAT FORCE!!

THE NEO VERSIDN IS HUGE, INCREASING THE RANGE. THE DIRECTION IT FACES CAN BE CHANGED.




THE SIZE AND COLOR DIFFERS FROM THE NEO VERSION.




**CHECK POINT**

THE COACHING BEAST IS DIFFERENT FOR EACH STAR.




TRIAL TO PUT ALL STRENGTH INTO AN ATTACK. CLEARED WHEN FULL FORCE IS EXERTED.

FOUR-STAR AWAKENING CHAMBER




HIT THIS MACHINE WITH FULL STRENGTH. IT REFLECTS THE FORCE PUT IN!

**KEY TO LEARNING**

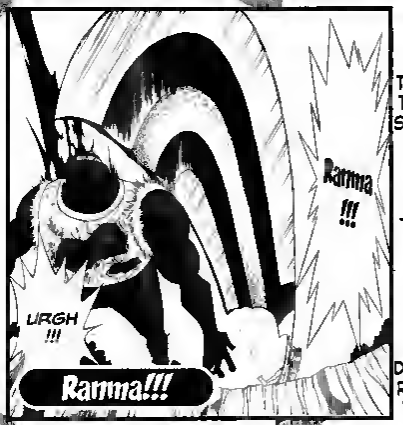
EXERTION

**ENEMIES DEFEATED**

DON
MARCO
BECKY
MYOJIN
YAKUZA BOSS
SAMEJIMA
GODA
YOSHIMOTO
MAMUSHIBARA
KIRISAKI
CHUN
MURANAKA
J

## FILE. 3

### Three-Star Sacred Weapon Neo-celestial version




A HUGE SWORD-LIKE WEAPON THAT ATTACKS THE ENEMY BY SLASHING. THE KEY TO LEARNING IS "FOCUS." IT'S SIMILAR TO JAPANESE SWORDS-MANSHIP, WHICH STRESSES BLOCKING OUT ALL DISTRACTIONS. RANMA SEEMS TO BE EXTRA SHARP COMPARED TO A NORMAL SWORD.

THE FIRST TIME UEKI USED RANMA WAS AFTER BECOMING A NEO-CELESTIAL, SO I'VE NEVER SEEN A NORMAL RANMA. IT CUT THROUGH THE ARMOR OGRE WAS WEARING, EVEN THOUGH IT DIDN'T BUDGE AGAINST RINKO'S BEADS.

**KEY TO LEARNING**

FOCUS

**ENEMIES DEFEATED**

OGRE

**CHECK POINT**

AWAKENING CHAMBER FOR THREE STARS.

FIND THE SPEAR WORM FROM WITHIN THE SPEARS AND KILL IT.

IT CAN BE CLEARED ONCE ONE LEARNS TO FOCUS!!

A COACHING BEAST ACTS AS A GUIDE.







**CHECK POINT**




CELESTIALS WHO ENTER ARE FACED WITH TRIALS. UNLESS A TRIAL IS FINISHED WITHIN 24 HOURS THE CELESTIAL IS DIGESTED!!

THE TRIAL IS DIFFERENT FOR EACH STAR.



AN ORGAN INSIDE TENKO THAT ALLOWS CELESTIALS TO LEVEL UP IN A SHORT AMOUNT OF TIME.

WAIT... IS THE AWAKENING CHAMBER?

FILE. 6

# Six-Star Sacred Weapon



IT'S SHAPED LIKE A PAIR OF INLINE SKATES. A BRANCH WRAPS AROUND THE LEG, ALLOWING SUPER-HIGH-SPEED MOVEMENT.

HIGH-SPEED TRANSPORTATION WEAPON. EFFECTIVE IN DEFENSE OR OFFENSE. THE KEY TO LEARNING IS "FORESIGHT." IT CAN'T BE USED UNLESS ONE CAN READ AN OPPONENT'S MOVES AND CHANGING BATTLE CONDITIONS.

RAIKA IS EFFECTIVE FOR MULTIPLE ATTACKS. UEKI CRUSHES ENEMIES AT HIGH SPEED, THEN IMMEDIATELY SWITCHES TO RANMA TO TAKE CARE OF THE REST. HE LEAVES NO SPACE FOR A COUNTERATTACK!

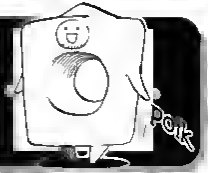



KEY TO LEARNING
FORESIGHT

CHECK POINT

## SIX-STAR AWAKENING CHAMBER

THE TRIAL REQUIRES TRAINING IN "FORESIGHT." THE COACHING BEAST HAS NEVER BEEN REVEALED UNTIL NOW!







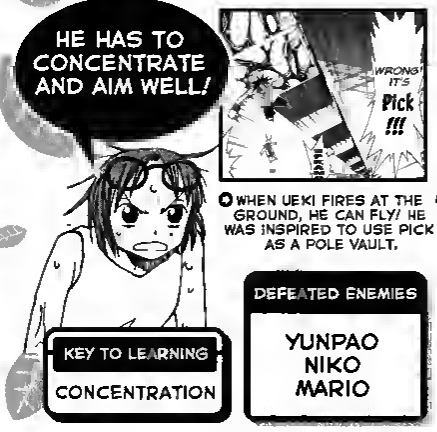

FILE. 5

# Five-Star Sacred Weapon




UEKI'S PICK IS ONCE AGAIN LARGER THAN A NORMAL CELESTIAL'S! (EVEN INUMARU SAYS SO!) LIKE HIS OTHER WEAPONS, IT'S STABILIZED WITH A ROOT. IT'S A LONG, STICK-SHAPED WEAPON THAT FIRES STRAIGHT AT THE ENEMY!

A SACRED WEAPON THAT USES THRUST!! IT EXERTS A STRONGER FORCE THAN MASH ON A SINGLE POINT. THE KEY TO LEARNING IS "CONCENTRATION," MEANING THAT THIS WEAPON CAN'T BE USED UNLESS ONE LEARNS TO CONCENTRATE ALL POWER ON ONE POINT. UEKI USES IT FOR MANY THINGS BESIDES ATTACK, MAKING IT A FLEXIBLE TOOL!!




WHEN UEKI FIRES AT THE GROUND, HE CAN FLY! HE WAS INSPIRED TO USE PICK AS A POLE VAULT.

KEY TO LEARNING
CONCENTRATION

DEFEATED ENEMIES
YUNPAO
NIKO
MARIO

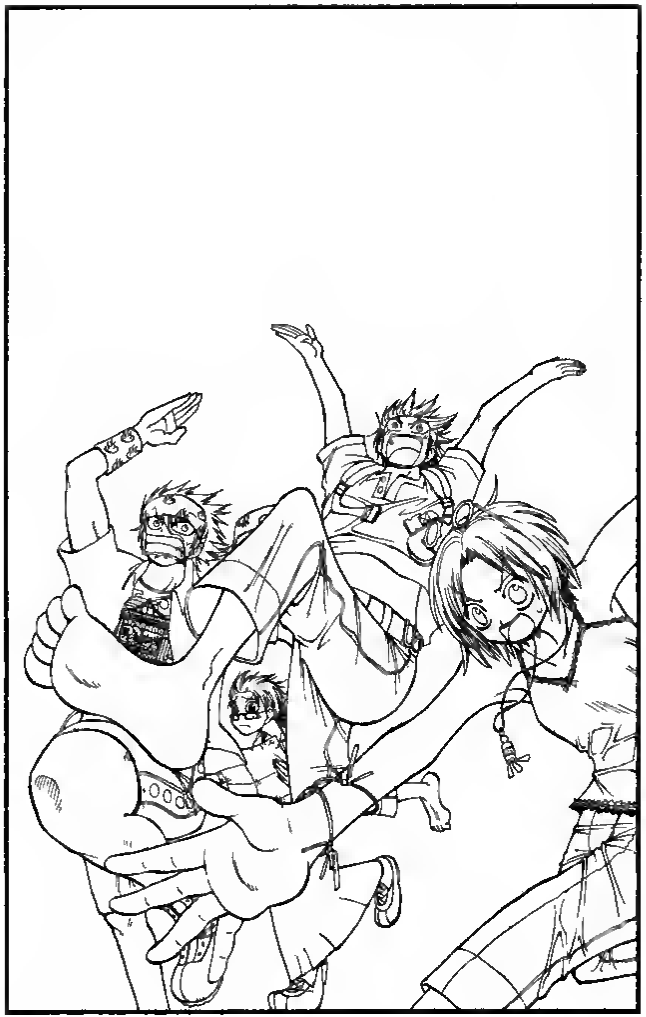
CHECK POINT

## FIVE-STAR AWAKENING CHAMBER

IT SEEMS THE TRAINING REQUIRED "CONCENTRATION." THERE ARE NO FURTHER DETAILS.

IS HE ALWAYS SMOKING A PIPE?

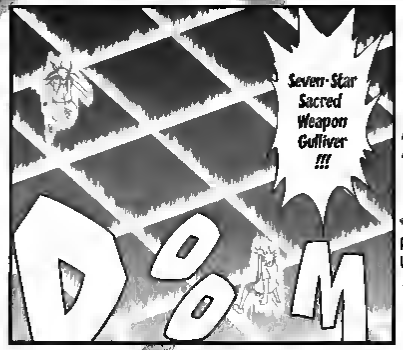






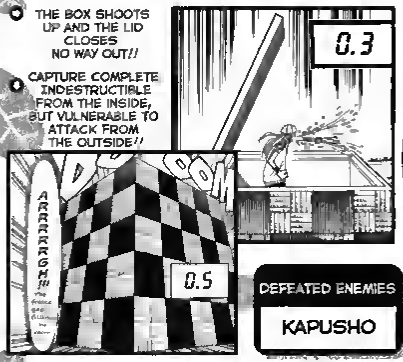
FILE. 7

# Seven-Star Sacred Weapon




THIS SACRED WEAPON CAN CAPTURE ANY TARGET, ALLOWING FOR ATTACKS THAT CAN'T MISS. THE KEY TO LEARNING IS "MAINTENANCE," REQUIRING THE USER TO KEEP MAINTAINING A HOLD ON THE ENEMY.

- A BOX CAN APPEAR ANYWHERE ON THE GRID, SO THE ENEMY HAS NO WAY OF AVOIDING IT. IT TAKES HALF A SECOND TO CAPTURE THE TARGET! NO PLACE TO RUN!
- THE BOX SHOOTS UP AND THE LID CLOSES NO WAY OUT!!
- CAPTURE COMPLETE INDESTRUCTIBLE FROM THE INSIDE, BUT VULNERABLE TO ATTACK FROM THE OUTSIDE!!




IT INCREASES THE CHANCE FOR AN ATTACK TO LAND.

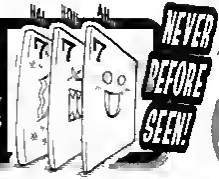


DEFEATED ENEMIES
KAPUSHO

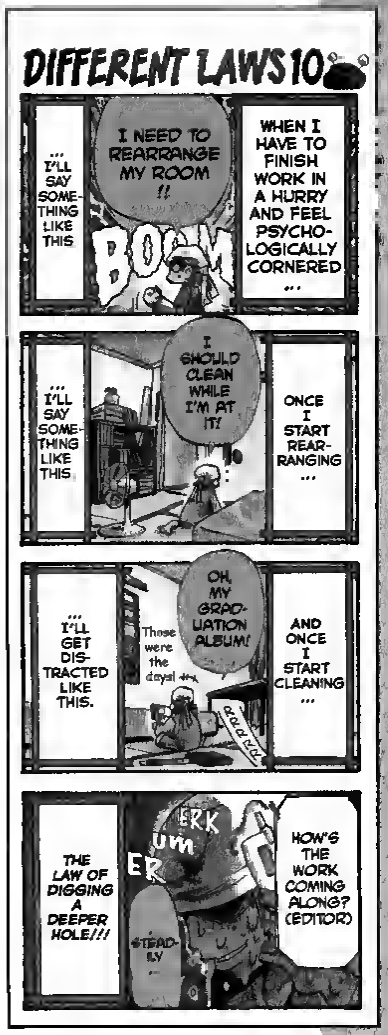
KEY TO LEARNING
MAINTENANCE

CHECK POINT **SEVEN-STAR AWAKENING CHAMBER**

I DON'T KNOW THE DETAILS, BUT "MAINTENANCE" WAS REQUIRED FOR THIS TRIAL. THIS COACHING BEAST HAS NEVER BEEN SEEN BEFORE!




***There are other sacred weapons: Eight-star "Namihana," Nine-star "Seiku," and Ten-star "Archenemy"!***


DIFFERENT LAWS 10
... I'LL SAY SOMETHING LIKE THIS
I NEED TO REARRANGE MY ROOM !!
BOOM
WHEN I HAVE TO FINISH WORK IN A HURRY AND FEEL PSYCHOLOGICALLY CORNERED ...
... I'LL SAY SOMETHING LIKE THIS
I SHOULD CLEAN WHILE I'M AT IT!
ONCE I START REARRANGING ...
... I'LL GET DISTRACTED LIKE THIS.
Those were the days! 4th
OH, MY GRADUATION ALBUM!
AND ONCE I START CLEANING ...
THE LAW OF DIGGING A DEEPER HOLE!!!
ERK
UM
ER
STEADILY
HOW'S THE WORK COMING ALONG? (EDITOR)

